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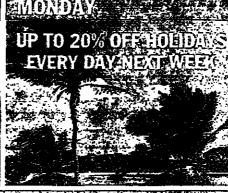
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Cricketers' wives dismayed at being given out by Atherton



AND RUSSELL JENKINS

CRICKETERS' wives and girlfriends were split yesterday by a decision by Mike Atherton, the England captain, to urge them to stay away from this winter's 14-week tour of Zimbabwe and New

The first ban of its kind follows concern about the 1995-96 tour of South Africa when an unprecedented influx of about 45 wives, girlfriends, children and nannies was considered a distraction and blamed for the team's dismal

Many of the wives, who have been accompanying their husbands on tour in increasing numbers since the advent of cheap air travel, are angry at being excluded. Denise Fraser, 31, wife of Middlesex seam bowler Angus Fraser who went on last winter's tour, said players were torn between their professional duties and their responsibilities as

tour was exceptional but "it is a long winter tour and I find it hard that families are being penalised at Christmas at a time when families should be together." Mrs Fraser, mother of three year old Alexander and Bethan, 16 months, said that had Angus been selected, which he had not, she would not have gone this year. "You are on holiday yourself but your partner is not. They are there to do a job and this can lead to tension. You can get in

With lurid, but fiercely de-

philanderings involving former players like Ian Botham even Botham's autobiography is subtitled Don't Tell Kath — the wives will undoubtably be left at home worrying about what their

husbands are up to. Frances Edmonds, wife of the former England cricketer Phil, said yesterday that keeping wives away would only encourage players to misbehave. "I think management, indeed Government, should be supporting and subsidising guys in bed at a sensible time at night and possibly in good nick to play the next day."

Atherton's appeal to players to keep their women and children away was made during the team's training trip to Portugal this week and backed up by tour manager John Barclay. Although players will not be disciplined if their wives turn up, they are under the side down" by disobeying



Alan Lee, The Times cricket writer who went on last year's

three overseas tours, and on each, particulary the last one, Continued on page 2, col 2

Tories get free vote on return of the cane

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR has decided to bow to the demands of Conservative backbenchers by granting them a free vote on the return of corporal punishment

defuse a potential revolt among Tory MPs who want more to tackle the problem of school discipline, a view strengthened by recent developments which led first to the closure of The Ridings School at Halifax, and then the expulsion of 12 pupils and the suspension of 23 others.

The free vote plan was confirmed by informed govemment sources. However, unlike the last vote in 1986, ministers and parliamentary aides will be expected to follow the official government line against corporal punishment.

Although the Prime Minister is happy to allow backbench MPs to exercise a conscience vote, the government line is that the issue was closed by the 1986 decision, in which Mr Major voted for keeping the cane, and that the Government should stick to it.

Mr Major was initially oposed to granting a free vote to MPs. But he has been persuaded that it is the best way of preventing an unnecessary revolt which would divert attention from the measures contained in the Education

Bill, whose second reading will be debated on Monday. which is designed to improve school discipline.

He has accepted that with state schools.

Labour firmly opposed to
The move is designed to bringing back the cane, the Government would win in any case, and there is little point in staging a fight with his own side. He is reported by friends to accept that there is a head of steam" behind caning at present and that he should allow Tory MPs to express their views. With Labour MPs required to vote against caning and the government "payroll" vote of 116 MPs under a similar obligation, the Gov-

ernment will easily prevail. The caning vote will not take place until January or February, when the Education Bill returns to the floor of the House on its report stage, by which time ministers hope that passions will be have been calmed and the issue will be dealt with in a restrained

The move will not go far enough to satisfy the leading campaigners for corporal punishment, such as James Pawsey, chairman of the backbench education committee, who will argue that ministers, 100, should be allowed a free vote. MPs have been complaining privately that Mr Major is out of touch with the feeling in the country that

corporal punishment should be restored.

The majority view in the Cabinet now appears to be against caning but several key members including Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and William Hague, the Weish secretary,

The current controversy within the Tory ranks was initiated by Mrs Shephard's suggesting in a BBC radio interview that corporal punishment could be a "very useful deterrent". She was swiftly told by Mr Major in a telephone call that she should not press the idea any further. But of the present Cabinet Mr Major, Michael Heseltine, Kenneth Clarke, Mr Howard, Stephen Dorrell, Roger Freeman, Brian Mawhinney and Virginia Bottomley all backed caning in 1986 when a vote to keep it was defeated by only

one vote. Mr Pawsey is planning to table an amendment to the Education Bill seeking to inchude caning in the new homeschool contracts set out in the legislation. The idea is to allow parents to have the option to elect for their children to face corporal punishment as an alternative to exclusion from

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Commander Judy Davison, of the City of London Police, riding Keswick. Today she will become the first woman to lead the Lord Mayor's procession.

Chirac supports Major over 48-hour week

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT CHIRAC last back Mr Major in his efforts night gave John Major sur-prise backing for his determination not to give way to Brussels over a 48-hour work-

M Chirac stunned British ministers at the end of the Anglo-French summit in Bordeaux when he offered the Prime Minister support for his challenge in the European Court of Justice over attempts by the European Commission to impose a maximum 48-hour week in Britain

France has campaigned for improved workers' rights in Europe, and M Chirac's comments were last night being treated with some scepticism. French officials argued that he was backing Britain's general opposition to the power of the European Court, but Downing Street took his remarks at face value. "We have made our reasoned argument quite clear. We welcome his support," a spokesman said.

The court is widely expected to rule against Britain next Tuesday and to insist that the directive on hours be introduced in the United Kingdom. But Mr Major has already made clear that he intends to seek changes to the Maastricht treaty to ensure that Britain can secure an opt-out from the directive. He has also warned that he is prepared to wield Britain's veto to obstruct developments that other European Union countries want if they fail to agree to his demands.

Yesterday President Chirac indicated that he might even

to secure support from his European colleagues changes in the Maastricht rules so that the workinghours directive falls under social policy, from which Britain already has an opt-out.

Asked specifically about Mr treaty changes should Britain lose its European Court challenge. M Chirac said: "On the dispute between the United Kingdom and the court. I am very close to John Major's position and quite prepared to support him.

British ministers were bemused by the French leader's comments, but the Prime Minister, who was conducting a ioint press conference with him, did not remark on his apparent change of heart. There was immediate speculation that Mr Major had in return promised to help President Chirac in his efforts to secure developments in the EU at the inter-governmental conference. Britain and France agree on the need for reforms in the weighting of voting, changes to the size of the Commission and reforms in the European Court.

But President Chirac later confused the issue by making clear that he did not think that flexibility on employment rights had helped Britain achieve its current economic success. M Chirac also emphasised that France supported a social model and we have and enjoy should not Continued on page 2, col5

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Manchester City manager takes himself off with stress after 33 days

Coppell: overwhelmed

By JOHN GOODBODY

STEVE COPPELL resigned yesterday after only 33 days as the Manchester City manager, saying that the pressure of the job was damaging his health.

Coppell, one of the most respected figures in English football, said he had been advised to give up on medical advice and was "extremely embarrassed by the situation". He apologised

to the City board, which has been trying to lead the club out of the shadow of Manchester United, the Premiership champions and FA Cup-

Coppell said: "I am not ashamed to admit that I have suffered for some time from the huge pressure I have imposed upon myself and, since my appointment, this has completely overwhelmed me to such an extent that I

cannot function in the job in the way that I would like to. This is the hardest thing I have ever had to do and I can only say the decision I have made is an honest one, made in the best interests

of the club and myself." His decision is a particular blow to Francis Lee, the City chairman, who had chosen Coppell, a former Crystal Palace manager, after trying to lure both George Graham and Dave Bassett to the club.

Lee said that he been trying for a week to persuade Coppell to stay at Maine Road. He added pointedly: "I don't think a job can overwhelm anyone in 30 days but Steve has been advised to resign on medical grounds." Of Coppell's first five games in charge, City had won two, lost three and drawn one. They are 17th in the first



Remembrance Day: The Bishop of Wakefield remembers his father, a bomber pilot killed in 1943, as well as the living who have not known a father's love ... Credo, page 12

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THE Archbishop of Canter-

bury yesterday distanced him-

self from a service at Southwark Cathedral to be

held by the Lesbian and Gay

Christian Movement, saying

he stord by church teaching

that practising homosexual

Dr George Carey, whose

office has been deluged with

profests against the service.

made clear that he had had no

say in allowing it to go ahead.

However, he endorsed the

right of all Christians to pray

Next Saturday's service has

been organised to celebrate

the movement's 20th anniver-

sary. The Provost, the Very

Rev Colin Slee, and his chap-

ter, were entitled to allow it to

go ahead because of the auton-

omy enjoyed by cathedrals.

They were not available for

expected to attend the service.

with demand for tickets so

strong that hundreds of wor-

shippers are being put in an

More than 2.000 people are

comment last night.

in any church or cathedral.

relationships are wrong.

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ed the good team spirit.

there has been this huge influx of families which has dissipat-

"Unless you have been on

tour, it is difficult to under-

stand the general ambiance

and bonding that is the es-

sence of a successful cricket

tour. Atherton thinks that

when the wives are around.

their minds are not fully on

the game. When the women

are not there the players live in

each others' pockets - they

share rooms with each other,

eat together and relax together

which helps them to focus on

Mrs Edmonds, however.

believes that wives are being

made scapegoats for poor performance. She said: Tve

heen on five tours and I have

noticed for example that in the

West Indies, when there were

relatively few wives out there,

the guys were hammered.

Then we went to Australia the

next year and we won every-

thing - wives and girlfriends

have absolutely no effect on

what the boys are doing. On

the 1986-87 tour of Australia,

when we won everything, Ian

Botham had his wife, nanny,

three children, a minder and a

stretch lime and it didn't seem

While marital arguments

to affect his play."

Preacher of the Year. and sleepless nights for those Weekend, page 15 with young children are the

the game.

Six Britons feared dead in Nigerian air crash

By STEPHEN FARRELL

SIX British businessmen are feared dead after a Nigerian domestic flight crashed minutes before landing in Lagos. They were among 132 passengers and nine crew aboard the Boeing 727 which plunged into mangrove swamps near Imota, 40 miles southeast of Lagos.

aircraft vanished. "From the information I have it would seem the plane just plunged into the lagoon," Nigeria's Aviation Minister, Ita Udoh Umeh, said last Another crew in the area was reported to have seen a ball of flames night. There was no sign of survivors

in the sky shortly after Flight ADC 086 lost contact with air traffic

controllers at 5pm on Thursday. Another report claimed the pilot had

alerted the airport to prepare for an emergency landing just before his

and rescue workers reported seeing the aircraft's tail protruding from the muddy ground.

The aircraft was operated by Aviation Development Corporation. one of Nigeria's private commercial airlines. The flight to Lagos from the oil-producing city of Port Harcourt, southeastern Nigeria, is one regularly used by foreign

Relatives of those missing gathered

yesterday at the offices of the Federal Airports Authority, many weeping, as helicopters donated by foreign oil companies helped Nigerian police, soldiers and aviation authority staff

in a search of the area. John Wattam, a spokesman for the British High Commission in Lagos. said the cause and exact location of the crash were unclear, but parts of the Boeing were reported to have been sighted at Ikorodu, a lagoon area about half an hour's drive from

Lagos itself.
He said: "The British nationals involved are a group of businessmen apparently of English origin working for different companies within the oil industry. Some were visiting Nigeria and some appear to be resident here. At the moment we have a list of sorts but information is very sketchy. Quite often people buy tickets in

Adams and Irving are denied entry to Australia

GERRY ADAMS was refused an entry visa yesterday to tour Australia to promote his autobiography. John Howard, the Australian Prime Minister. defended the move and also the decision to deny entry to David Irving, the right-wing

Both men had applied for permission to travel to Austracommitment to the right to free speech. But the Prime Minister insisted their appli-cations to visit Australia had nothing to do with free speech.

"It's got to do with the unfitness of both of them on character grounds to come here," he said. "This idea that it's got anything to do with free speech is spurious. Any gov-ernment has got the right to say to somebody who has a record of criminal convictions, 'You can't come here'."

Referring to Mr Irving, Mr Howard said: "He's a crackpot historian, but it doesn't alter the fact that he was convicted in the United Kingdom, he was convicted in Germany, he was convicted in Canada, and two of the offences as I understand are related to passport, immigration or visa issues.

Turning to Mr Adams, he said the Sinn Fein president was the head of a party that was the political mouthpiece of a terrorist organisation. "I would have thought there was

Stumps drawn on wives

most common problems, more

dramatic incidents have con-

vinced Atherton that wives are

On the 1994-95 tour of

Australia, Phil Tufnell, a noto-

riously temperamental player,

psychiatric hospital for several

hours after flying into an

uncontrollable rage and trashing his hotel room fol-

lowing a series of rows on the

telephone with his new wife

Lisa who was begging him to

be faithful. The air stewardess

knew his previous form, hav-

ing met him on a tour when he

was still living with Jane

McEvoy, the mother of his

Edmonds: wives get

men to bed early

had to be admitted to a

"bad news".

an open and shut case, and once again it has precious little

But Sinn Fein reacted angrily to the decision and accused Canberra of bowing to pressure from Britain. Dodie McGuinness, a senior member of the party in Londonderry, said that closing doors on Mr Adams would not help his efforts to restore the Northern Ireland peace process. She added that people of Irish descent in Australia would be disappointed. The Australian decision also

drew a sharp response from Steve MacDonogh, the editorial director of Brandon Books which is publishing Mr Adams's autobigraphy in con-junction with William Heinemann. He said: "The Australian Government has chosen to exclude Mr Adams because of the British pressure that was brought on them. The British Government seem to have an obsession with silenc-

to do with free speech."
Unionists hailed the Austra-

lian Government's decision as a courageous move. John Taylor, the deputy leader of the Ulster Unionists, said: "I would like to see the Ameri-cans follow this great lead given by Australia and demonstrate that in the US, democratic politics also prevail."

ing people."

Mr Adams, 48, plans to visit the United States next year to promote his autobiog-raphy Before the Dawn.

One source from the tour

said: "When Lisa eventually

came out to Australia, matters

got even worse and they rowed

all the time, causing a hugely

unpleasant atmosphere." Tuf

nell has not played for Eng-

Atherton is following the example of Allan Border, the former captain of Australia.

who banned wives on their

victorious 1989 tour of Eng-

land. Border said later that it

had been the most "focused"

Although WG Grace's tour

of Australia in 1873 became

known as his "honeymoon

tour" when he took his new

wife Agnes with him a few days after their wedding, it is

only recently that players have

legendary former England

captain Brian. was used to

being left at home in west

Yorkshire. Married for 32

years, she said: "He always

used to say to me that he'd

never take me to the 'office'.

Anyway, it really wasn't appli-

cable in our time purely for

financial reasons. You couldn't afford to take your

wives abroad. Now they have

the money - they have a

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wonderful time."

Vivienne Close, 55, wife the

taken their families.

tour he had ever been on.

land since.

Backing for 48-hour week Continued from page i be challenged", he said. These vinced European" but said this did not mean he agreed remarks were later interpretwith every aspect of the way in which Europe was developed as meaning that he did not ing. "A good European does not gently slide behind his object to Mr Major's attempts to secure an opt-out, but that colleagues and say 'I don't like this but I am going to follow

John Major and President Chirac reviewing an honour guard yesterday

And this is the role of the UK." Later, in answer to ques-He insisted that he would seek tions, it became clear that Mr. Maastricht treaty changes and argued that he did not Major and M Chirac had had frank exchanges over France's decision to use a one-off transfer from French Telecom to can meet meet the economic convergence criteria needed to join a single currency. Mr

Major pointedly refused to accept a recent report which suggested that at least 12 governmental conference if members of the European they refused to go along. Union would be able to join a single currency by January considered himself a "con-

Mr Major declared that he

The Prime Minister said he did not recognise descriptions of the report's findings in the press and did not believe that these countries would be ready if they adhered to the strict criteria laid down under the Maastricht treaty. the herd'. A good European, if would be surprised if by January 1, 1999, anything like 12 nations would qualify on he thinks something is wrong sounds the alarm and says so. the strict interpretation of the

criteria." He conceded, however, that countries might try to get round these rigid rules. "If the criteria are interpreted liberally, more countries will qualithe Prime Minister

But President Chirac put forward a strong defence of his decision to accept the payment from French Telecom, claiming that the idea had been checked with financial experts and lawyers who made it clear that the deal was justified under existing Maastricht treaty conditions.

Ashdown attack on spin doctors

Leading politicians are being manipulated by backroom "political mechanics" into ducking key issues to avoid offending middle-class voters, Paddy Ashdown said yester-day. The Liberal Democrat leader, at a rally in London, criticised his rivals, for allowing spin doctors to plan a general election campaign intended to ignore controversial

Mr Ashdown attacked the culture in which leaders of the two main parties tried to "puff small things up into big ones, and ignore the really big ones altogether".

Marriage fraud

British and Belgian detectives have arrested 39 people involved in a marriage fraud designed to give scores of illegal immigrants EU status. Hampshire police have spent the past week working in Belgium with 80 local officers following the charging of 19 people in Britain in March.

Sherbert dealer

A boy aged II was arrested and suspended from his pri-mary school after police drug tests wrongly identified his bag of sherbert as speed, the Class A drug amphetamine sulphate. The boy's parents last night threatened legal action against Cleveland Police and the school.

£1m bypass claim

Sir William Reid, the Parliamentary Ombudsman, has written to a couple whose £450,000 home in Wroxham. Norfolk, was rendered worthless by bypass plans to say he is reviewing their claim for compensation. Maurice and Audrey Blachin's claim may be in excess of £1 million: -

Ouick step

Alan Chambers will become his own step-grandfather when he marries Anne Whittaker in Barnsley, west York-shire, in February. Mrs Whittaker, 69, is the mother of Wilson Bray, who married Alan's mother, May, 68, two months ago. Alan. 42, will be stepfather to his own mother.

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY AND NICHOLAS WATT

historian.

lia after Mr Howard emphasised his government's

this should no derail the efforts of other countries to improve workers' rights. Mr Major made clear at the press conference that he had no intention of bowing to Brussels on the 48-hour week.

> consider that Brussels had the right to impose working con-He emphasised that he had made it clear to his European colleagues that he regarded this issue with the utmost importance and indicated that he would scupper the inter-

Leah parents back nightclub curbs

By James Landale, political reporter

THE parents of Leah Betts, the teenager who died a year ago after taking an Ecstasy tablet at a nightclub, yesterday urged MPs to back a Commons move to fight the

use of drugs in nightclubs. Paul and Jan Betts said that the move might not have saved their daughter but would go some way in pre-venting other children dying in drug-related incidents.

The Public Entertainment Licence Bill would give local authorities powers to close nightclubs immediately if police say there is clear evidence of a drug problem. At present, clubs can stay open until the management has formally been convicted of breaching licence conditions.

Barry Legg, the Tory MP for Milton Keynes South West, who is sponsoring the move as a Private Member's Bill, said that clubs often prolonged legal proceedings to remain open as long as possible. "I am seeking to prevent unscrupulous clubs dragging out the appeals procedure once the police have decided there are serious drug problems on the premises," he said. "Clubs can continue to operate for up to 12 months and put at risk the

lives of young people."

The Bill, published yesterday, was suggested by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, at the Tory Party conference. Mr Legg hopes that the Bill will reach the statute book by March.



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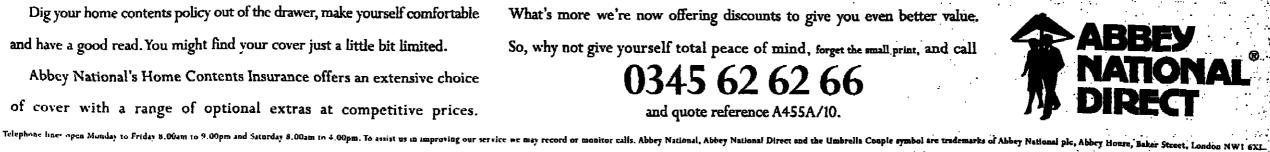
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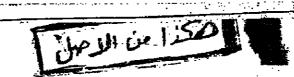
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Judge lets woman sue for £30,000

Bullies 'blighted life' of girl called Thunder Thighs

A WOMAN who claims that her life was blighted by bullying in her schooldays defeated an attempt yesterday to stop her suing for £30,000 compensation

crash

Deborah Scott, 22, says that a year of adolescent torment at one of Edinburgh's leading schools affected her exam results and left her poorly qualified. She is now a hairdresser

She is claiming damages from the former Lothian Regional Council for negligence, arguing that the council failed in its duty of care when it was responsible for the Royal High School. Yesterday, at the Court of Session in Edinburgh, Lord Macfadyen dis-missed the council's objections about its duties and said the case should go to a full

Miss Scott, from Edinburgh, won the first round in her legal battle after the court was told that she suffered bullying for more than a year from April 1988 to September 1989. She claims that she was first given crude nicknames, then shunned by classmates when she reported the offenders, and then twice attacked and partially stripped. One of the worst incidents was said to have been on her birthday.

Anne Smith, QC, representing Miss Scott, said: "Had she not suffered emotional distress, she would not have under-achieved." The taunting of school bullies, who called her Thunder Thighs and made crude comments about her breasts, led her to take an overdose aged 13. She had confided in the

school rector, who spoke to her parents. The boys involved

were reprimanded, but afterwards she claims that most of her classmates refused to speak to her.

Then in June 1989, while she was sitting on a grass verge in the school grounds, she was surrounded by a group of girls who tied her shoelaces together and pushed her to the ground. They pulled off her Tshirt and, in the struggle, her bra snapped.

Three of the girls then forced her against a wall in full view of the boys. Later that day one of the girls poured a plate of spaghetti over her head for no apparent reason. Degrading graffiti about her appeared around the school grounds and the bullying continued.

The most serious incident occurred about three months later on her birthday in September 1989, when a group of six boys and girls jumped on her and stripped her to the waist. They dragged her along the ground, after which she



Deborah Scott: became

needed treatment from the school nurse. She claimed that, after the incident, she became "notorious among school pupils" and could not face returning to the school.

She said it was common for pupils to have flour and eggs or flour and water thrown at them on their birthdays. She claims that the council did not have a consistent policy to deal with that type of bullying.

Miss Scott needed psychiat-ric treatment after the attack on her birthday, and did not return to the classroom for eight months.

She eventually obtained a place at a private establishment. St Denis and Cranley School, Edinburgh, but said that the gap in her education. combined with the emotional distress and change in the curriculum, meant that she never caught up and did not achieve her potential.

Miss Scott claims that she would not have suffered if Lothian council had fulfilled its duty of care. During the ear in question, the Royal High School had a rule that pupils had to behave courteously to fellow pupils, but she claimed it had no practical policy to tackle bullying.

There was a lack of encouragement for pupils to report bullying incidents and little support for victims. This meant it was understandable that she had not felt able to report the bullying she suffered after the initial taunting.

The council denies liability. Miss Scott has been advised by her lawyers not to speak to the media, but yesterday she said that she was pleased her

Garrett had laughed at her

after she told him he was

hurting her. Her £27,477

award for pain and suffering included £6,000 for psychiat-

Janet Cage, 28, had her mouth wedged open with a

block of wood and Richard

Longmore, 31, who com-

plained that his mouth was

left like a "war zone". Together

with four other former pa-

tients, they won a total of

Mr Walshe, who represents

78 claimants, said he expected

the final total to be about E2.3 million if all the claims

for bodily trespass and professional negligence were suc-cessful. The bill will be met by

the Medical and Dental De-

from 1982 to 1988. Mr Garrett

was struck off by the General

Dental Council for "serious

professional misconduct" the

following year after com-

plaints, but he was allowed to

practise again in November 1991 after retraining.

The incidents cover a period

fence Union of Scotland.

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£184.000.





Two council houses were knocked into one at a cost of £45,000 but the family refuses to move in because the quarter-acre garden is "too small"

Five beds, four baths, but council can keep it

By Kathryn Knight

A MAN with eight children who had two council houses knocked together after claiming that his home was not big enough has refused to move in because he says that the quarter-acre garden is too

The local authority paid £45,000 to convert Philip Smith's three-bedroom house and its adjoining property in Upton Scudamore, Wiltshire. But when Mr Smith and his common-law wife Gillian Carter saw the five-bedroom conversion they complained that the garden would not be enough for their new aviary and a vegetable plot. They

want the second garden too. Mr Smith, a former lorry driver, requested a house extension earlier this year, and was moved into temporary housing with Ms Carter,

Kim, 18, Melissa, 16, Miranda, 15, Gemma, 13, Nigel, ten, Katie, five, Shane, four, and Craig, six months. This week their doubleglazed, centrally-heated home, with two kitchens, four bathrooms and two lavatories, was ready to be inhabited again. But Mr Smith was having none of it. "I was told I would have both gardens and said it would be ideal for the eight children. I wanted to grow vegetables. I have also got some sheds where I keep

going back. Ms Carter, the mother of all eight children, denied that they were scroungers. "We don't actually get that much.

my tools and garden machin-

ery and I have bought an

aviary," he said. "If I don't get



Philip Smith and his wife with six of their children

this on my terms, I am not do in benefits. We paid tax until three years ago, when Philip had to retire after three heart attacks ... we need a big garden for the kids, just like anyone else would."

that villagers were disgruntled because Mr Smith's garden was not always tidy. "He used to keep cattle, sheep, chickens and rabbits in his garden and at one stage he had eight cars on the go. God

sort of thing that makes decent, law-abiding folk extremely angry."

Tim Iles, director of communications at West Wiltshire District Council, said: "I think we have done more than enough. He has been provided with the extra accomodation and living

will look like if he gets the

pushing his luck. This is the

"I really think Mr Smith is

other garden." she said.

space he needs. "His garden is quite big enough and we can use the other garden for something else. He can put up or shut up." Mr lles said that if the family did not stop complain-

ing, they could stay in their temporary home - four bedrooms and a small garden in Warminster while another family was given the convert-

Passions rise over neighbours' dividing wall

BY BILL FROST

THE Cold War may be over in Germany, but in Bristol a new Berlin Wall has gone up to separate feuding Don and Joyce Pritchard have built a

6ft 2in brick wall along their boundary to "blot out" the Clevelys. It was

according the Pritchards, until next door complained, so they just kept

Mrs Pritchard, 61, said: "They called it a monster, so we gave them a monster." Her husband, 60, added: They have shouted abuse at us once too often and I thought the best way to

want to blot them out,"

The feud began when Kathleen Clevely, 40, and her husband Andrew. 43, built an extension to their semidetached home in Headley Park, Bristol, which the Pritchards said jutted out over their garden and touched their house. The extension was

Mr Clevely said: "They are nightmare neighbours. But we have never been abusive.

The wall is within the legal height of 6ft 6in, but Mr Clevely is ready to go to court because he says it is blocking the light. "If it didn't do that I'd be quite happy to have the wall," he said.

Gun club member's wife found shot dead

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GUN CLUB member apparently attempted suicide after his wife was found dead from shotgun wounds.

Paul Cowdrey, 38, a wealthy estate agent, was arrested at the family home in Hampshire after taking an overdose of painkillers. He was placed under police guard after being admitted to the North Hampshire Hospital, where detectives were last night waiting to interview him.

Earlier they had found the hudy of his wife Emma, 26, in the living room of the house at Rotherwick, near Basing-stoke, with a shotgun lying near by. The couple's six-year-old son Thomas, who was in the village school at the time of his mother's death, is being cared for by relatives.

Detective Sergeant Alan Hastings of Hampshire ClD said that Mr Cowdrey would be released into police custo-dy. "We are not looking for anyone else in connection with this, although our inquiries are continuing."

Sgt Hastings said that the shotgun was legally held and kept in a secure cabinet at home. Alan Kean, chairman of Camberley Clay Club, said that Mr Cowdrey practised shooting there every fortnight.

Greedy dentist faces £2m bill from patients

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A DENTIST whose unnecessary treatments left patients feeling like their mouths were "a war zone" could be facing damages claims for more than

Barry Garrett, 48, has alhis former practice at Driffield, east Yorkshire. Mr Garrett was struck off because

retraining.
Nigel Walshe, a solicitor representing most of the patients, also successfully applied for an excention of the

The court in Leeds heard last year how Mr Garrett destroyed the healthy teeth of many patients by carrying out unecessary treatment to enhance his fees. His patients were left with bad breath. aching teeth and mentally traumatised. One victim, Jane

Appleton, 25, had 99 tooth surfaces worked on unnecessarily and received £21,796 damages. Another woman, Dawn Eling, 29, complained Mr

ready been ordered to pay almost £200,000 to eight patients who successfully sued him last year. Yesterday the High Court granted permission for a new group more than 90 to pursue claims over

of complaints, but now is now practising again in Sale, Cheshire, following a period of

deadline for claims until December 31 this year. He appealed for anybody who was treated by Mr Garrett to come forward.

Judge tells mugger to face up to crime

By A Staff Reporter

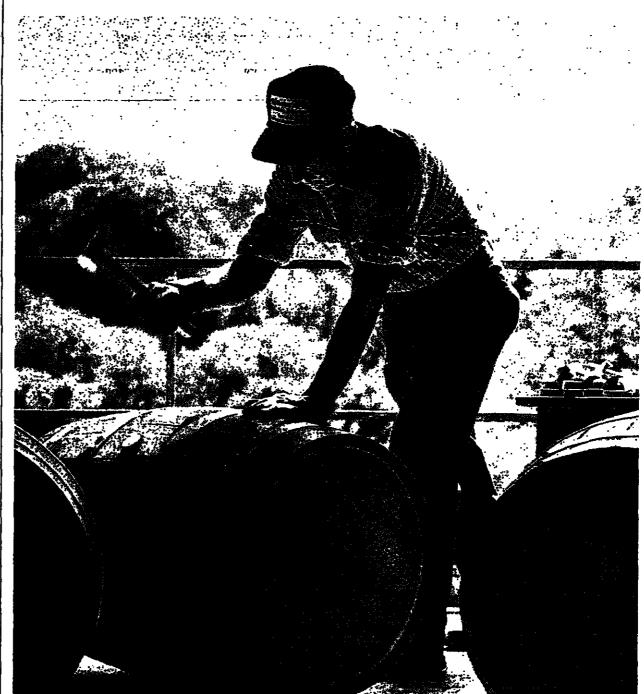
A MAN who beat up two elderly widows began a life sentence yesterday after a judge insisted that he look at photographs of the horrific

injuries he inflicted. Leslie Salter, 31, left Enid Poole, 90, and Mair Lougher. 86, for dead after tricking his way into their flats at Barry, South Glamorgan. Mr Justice Tucker ordered

that police photographs of their "indescribable" facial injuries be shown to him in the dock at Cardiff Crown Court. Salter, condemned by the judge as "cowardly and callous", glanced at the pictures briefly before he was led back to the cells.

The court had been told that Salter chose vulnerable pensioners living alone. At first he was friendly and polite but then suddenly turned violent to terrify his victims. Mrs Poole and Mrs Lougher, who lived near each other, were repeatedly struck about the head with either an iron bar or a club in robberies on the

same afternoon last March. The lives of both women had been shattered, the court was told. Salter, of Splott, Cardiff, admitted two charges of inflicting grievous bodily harm with



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Birth defect imperils Prince's son

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE BABY boy born last month to the rock star Prince Prince, 31, who affects to have and his wife is seriously ill with a rare birth defect which compresses the skull and requires intricate surgery.

The child, born a month prematurely on October 16 in Minneapolis, is suffering from the condition known as clover-leaf skull syndrome. The baby's skull hardens carlier than it should and forms an unusual shape, leaving the eyes deep-set and the brain compressed. Prince and his wife Mayte, whom he married this summer, made no initial comment but it is understood that they are preparing to appear on American television to discuss the infant's condition and to give greater publicity to the syn-

According to one newspaper report the couple, from Chanhassen. Minnesota. were "completely hearthro-



children's fiction. A custom-designed merry-go-round and play area was commissioned for the Chanhassen recording studios where the flamboyant singer has made such records as -Purple Rain" and "Lovesexy". The child's name - like that of its father - remains a mystery. The baby's condition is not expected to improve and he may need intricate surgery. It was reported that Prince

had spent several thousands



Prince to discuss the condition on television

of dollars on medical equipment to assist doctors treating his son at the Children's Health Care hospital in Minneapolis.

☐ Prince's son has been born with craniosynostosis, the premature closure of the sutures in the skull, the jagged

the skull to expand to accommodate the growing brain, (writes Dr Thomas Stuttaford). His form of the condition, Pfieffer's Syndrome, is a par-ticularly difficult one to treat

and requires very complex surgery. The problem is genetic in origin and affect boys much more often than girls. As well as the changes in the skull, which gives it a clover leaf appearance, the children tend to have shallow, flattened eye-sockets so that the eyes are unusually prominent. Often, as in this case, the baby has upper limb deformities and is of small stature. Many of the children have respiratory troubles which compromise their general condition. The drainage of the blood from the brain may also be disturbed and this may make it difficult to perform the surgery which is essential if the skull is to be able to

Taxi driver jailed over road rage death of cyclist

A TAXI driver whose fit of Old Bailey yesterday, Recordtemper caused an accident that killed a cyclist was jailed for 42 years yesterday.

Anthony Dickinson swerved his black cab at Thomas Gedrich after they argued at a set of traffic lights. Although the cab never hit Mr Gedrich, he lost control and fell off, banging his head on the ground. He was taken to hospital but died from his injuries.

Dickinson, 36, was convicted last month of causing death by dangerous driving. At the

er John Milford QC told him that he had used his cab as a weapon in a "deliberately hostile piece of driving. Cara Gedrich, the victim's

widow, will continue her civil case for compensation from Dickinson and his insurers. On the day of the accident in July last year, Dickinson had been working for 12 hours his

main job as driver's mate to a newspaper delivery man. He had been held up by a demonstration by cyclists around Waterloo Bridge, London. He



Hours on the road 'should be curbed'

BY LIN JENKINS

ROAD safety campaigners are calling for restrictions on the hours worked by all those who drive for a living. Research has revealed they are responsible for almost a third of deaths on the roads.

Drivers of taxis, delivery vans and company cars are exempt from the laws that govern the time spent behind the wheel by lorry and bus drivers. Many report falling asleep at the wheel, becoming stressed or bad-tempered and suffering fatigue leading to a lack of concentration because of the long hours they spend

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has identified the problem as the "hidden killers on Britain's applies to driving," he said.

many of them self-employed people driving cabs or vans, push themselves to the limit, since the time spent in the driving seat relates directly to

how much they earn. Roger Bibbings, occupational safety adviser with the society, said research by the society found that more than 1,000 of the 3,500 deaths a year on the roads were due to accidents caused by people who drive for their jobs but are not subject to regulated hours.

"There are twice as many people killed this way than the number killed at work through other causes. There are laws to reduce the risk of accidents at work and obligations on employers to manage that risk, yet nothing similar

had then returned to his home in Raynes Park at 5.30pm to get his taxi and begin plying for hire. During the trial the jury was not told about the anti-car protest.

The judge said: "You became embroiled in an argu-ment with the deceased, who was on a pedal bike. I do not accept that you have given a truthful account of the inception of that argument. Such arguments do not spring from

"This was a deliberately hostile piece of driving. You did not intend the deceased bodily harm but driving as you did, using your cab as a weapon to frighten the deceased was particularly dan-gerous to do when the was without a

The judge said he accepted the evidence of witnesses and of accident investigators who said that the taxi had not struck either the bicycle or Mr Gedrich. Mr Gedrich, of Islington, north London, died shortly after the accident at 8.30pm in daylight at the junction of New Kings Road and Parsons Green Road in Fulham, west London. He struck the road with such force that he left a gouge mark and a 4½-metre skid mark.

His widow, mother of their three-year-old son, who works part-time as a journalist, was not in court to hear the judge deliver his sentence. After the conviction, she said in a statement through her solici-tor that she was "deeply relieved that the right verdict had been reached". During the three-day trail.

Stephen Holt, for the prosecution, said that Dickinson and Mr Gedrich were heard arguing at a red light. "When the lights turned green, both the black taxi and the cyclist moved on. As they approached a zebra crossing the taxi suddenly violently and deliberately swerved to the left, causing the cyclist to lose control. Despite a loud thump sound that was heard by people some distance away.

the taxi did not stop." Dickinson was banned from driving for five years.



Paul MacKay, of Imagination, which is designing the zones within the Greenwich dome, with the plans shown to the public yesterday

Greenwich casts wary eye at the future

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE people of Greenwich, armed with notebooks and steely stares, got a first look at their future yesterday as the plans for the Millennium Exhibition went on display in Borough Hall. Views on the models of the giant

dome were mixed. But, along with anxieties about traffic and noise, there was bewilderment about what would be happening inside the dome, and how it could be put up in time. "It all

designs for the dome. There's no idea of what will be going on inside it," said lain Gonoude, 27, an actor and writer. "It just looks like a tent full of air," added Mervyn Fernandez, 31. "What's it for? Speeches or concerts or what?"

"I'm disappointed," said Adam Baines, 35. "I was expecting some-thing more than the designs. It doesn't say anything about how they are going to get it done. Or what is going to happen to the site when it's all over."

admitted: "Really there isn't a day to spare. It's a tall order.

Concern continues about the com-

mitment of big business to providing the £150 million that the private sector must supply to match the £200 million earmarked by the Millennium Commission for the exhibition. Big names such as BT, British Airways and British Aerospace are involved but much work remains to be done. "We are not in a position to say how much money has been pledged but we are very soon about other companies." said a spokesman for the exhibition. We are confident of getting the money between now and February but if the project is going to get off the ground big names must back the scheme. If they don't by February I.

we'll have to forget about it."

The people of Greenwich will have to wait until the spring before details of the dome's 12 sponsored "zones". being designed by the company

Mother attacks race ruling

A WOMAN is to challenge an attempt by social workers to separate her two fostered daughters because one is black and the other white.

They argue that the children would be better off with families of their own colour if permanent foster parents of mixed race" cannot be found. However, the girls' mother claims that they would be devastated if parted.

The woman, who can be identified only as Ann for legal reasons, agreed to put her

short spell" while she underwent treatment for a alcohol abuse. "I would never have let them take the girls if I had known they would be split up. They are making a judgment purely on colour."

She added: "They may look very different, but they are very close sisters and love each other." The pair have been looked after together by a white family for the past 14 months and have had regular contact with their natural

However, a new "care plan"

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drawn up by social workers orders that they should be placed with a family of mixed race. if one cannot be found, the children should be split up with the eldest going to a black family, and the youngest to a

A spokesman for Tameside council in Greater Manchester said: "We are aiming to find a situation which best reflects their needs."

, A preliminary hearing is to take place next week. The case is then likely to be referred to a County Court judge for a

Downfall of jockey addicted to heroin

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A PROMISING young jockey who has raced for some of the country's top trainers was sent. to prison yesterday for dealing in heroin.

Robert Waterfield, 23, had ridden a number of flat-race winners since starting as an apprentice in 1991, Reading. Crown Court was told. But last year he became addicted to heroin and started to sell the

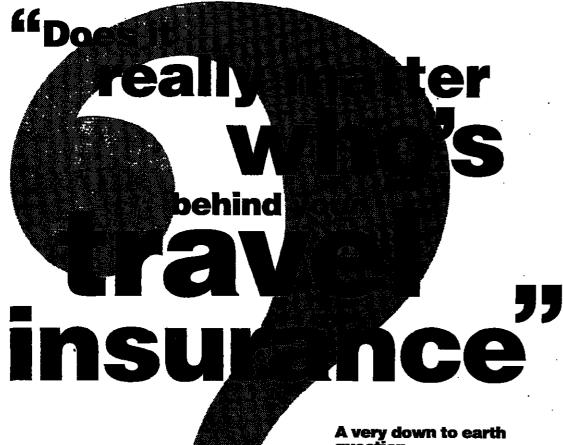
drug to friends from his home

in Lambourn, Berkshire, to help to finance his drug habit. He charged £10 a bag.
Police raided the home he

shared with his girlfriend Clara Chilvers, 19, in May this year. The couple later admitted supplying the Class A drug, the court was told. Waterfield was jailed for 15 months, and Chilvers was given nine months in a young offenders' institute.

The Jockey club withdrew Waterfield's licence in May.

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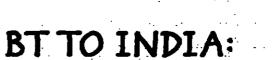
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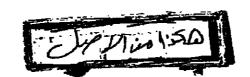
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Matthew Parris on the things politicians wish they hadn't said

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Former judge tells court witnesses to cut out the waffle

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

A FORMER High Court ing reports were neither lazy judge gave expert witnesses some blunt advice yesterday on giving evidence in court: "Straight talking, no bullshir."

Sir Michael Davies also warned of the risks involved in anyone trying to bring a little light relief to legal proceedings by putting jokes in a report or offering a quip from the dock. Witnesses should not make jokes. The judge likes to make the jokes in court." he said.

Sir Michael, 75, who retired in July, criticised experts who tried to impress judges by peppering their reports with Latin phrases or fashionable

The former judge of the Queen's Bench Division advised them against producing overwritten documents in which they pontificated or tried to blind the judiciary with science. Contrary to what the "gutter press" sometimes said, expert witnesses must assume that the judges read-

He told a conference in London on specialist evidence in criminal and civil cases that experts should be on their guard against advising the judge on the correct verdict, or producing "a load of bullshit — defined by Chambers Dictionary as 'deceifful humbug'. Please remember that."

Sir Michael added: "Don't use buzz words or words you think are impressive. The latest buzz word is 'paradigm'. 'Parameter' used to be a favourite word a few years ago; I still don't know what it

"Why use Latin when English will do? Don't use in situ when you can use in position. If you go to any of my judgments, they may be absolute rubbish, but you won't see any buzz words or Latin." Sir Michael told the launch of the Expert Witness Institute at Church House in Westmin-

ster. When experts write reports for court proceedings they should attempt to interest the judge with "pithy docu-ments" and should avoid pages about their qualifications and conferences attended in exotic places such as

written in plain English and no waffling. Self-importance can show in a report as well as in the witness box. Do not try to put yourself over as selfimportant, don't try to put yourself over as condescending and do not pontificate," he said.

Sir Michael, who was a High Court judge for 23 years, is to be the chairman of the Expert Witness Institute, which was launched yesterday. Its aim is to educate, train and certify experts, and to helpline where they can be put in touch with specialists in



Oiled swans take wing

NEATLY clad in plastic bags for protection during their journey back to the wild, 86 day after being rescued from an oil spill on the Thames. They were taken to the Nat-Swan Sanctuary at Egham, Surrey, after their feathers were drenched by a

spread to the size of two football pitches — on the river near Hampton Court last week. The swans were cleaned with mild detergent until all traces of oil were removed. Officers from the Environment Agency traced the spill to a slipway at a boatyard, where a barrel of oil had been knocked over.

Police want tougher rules for knife shops

By Stewart Tendler CRIME CORRESPONDENT

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SHOPS should be banned from selling any knife apparently intended as a weapon unless they can prove it has a legitimate use in trade or sports, senior police officers

The Police Superintendents' Association suggested the ban could form part of a workable legal framework under which combat knives could be taken off the market. Chief Superintendent Peter Gammon, vicepresident, said that retailers who sold illegal weapons would face fines or even imprisonment. The idea was put forward after a meeting of a committee of operational superintendents from around

The association said that retailers would have to prove legitimate trade or sports use before displaying, advertising or marketing any knife "apparently designed or made colely to injure or wound

Mr Gammon also said that the Government's proposed new stop-and-search powers, intended to be effective against gangs, did not go far enough. Police want to be able to search individuals they suspect of habitually carrying knives.

Blackpool beaches passed fit

resort has beaches fit for swimming for the first time in more than 20 years. Figures to be released next week will show that beaches at Blackpool have at last reached the European Union's minimum Cleanliness standards.

nearly 17 million visitors a year, has been heavily criticised in the past for its dirty sea. But a £500 million project to upgrade the Fylde coast's sewage treatment system came into effect in the

Beaches at Blackpool North and Central, Bispham of and St Anne's to be up

"Because Blackpool is the always been in the firing line water quality," Jame Seddon, a tourism officer. said. "We can now turn round and answer back, and it is a

"People don't come to Blackpool for its beaches. They come for the land-based attractions. But traditionally and historically, it is very



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By John O'Leary, education editor

THE mother of the ten-yearold boy whose unruly behaviour caused a teachers' strike agreed yesterday to move him to another school, enabling Manton Junior School, in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, to reopen on Monday.

Parnela Cliffe said she was

transferring her son Matthew Wilson for the sake of other pupils. "I had decided on Thursday to take him out of the school for the sake of the others. The important thing now is to get the school open." Miss Cliffe's solicitor said she was "battle weary" after nearly two months of dispute over her son's behaviour. which culminated in industrial action by staff who refused

been closed for ten days. The breakthrough came as Fred Riddell, the chairman of Nottinghamshire education authority, threatened to intervene and to move Matthew against his mother's will. But Miss Cliffe, who resisted previous appeals to transfer her

to teach him. The school has

son, had already relented. She said Matthew's behavlour had improved under indi- . fused to expel the boy after a vidual tuition. "There were no problems, he had a good review and excellent reports. He did all his work and was well behaved." Miss Cliffe

added: "All we want to do is get back to a normal life, but that is going to be very difficult for Matthew. They have blackened his name, and I don't know what the future holds for him."

Bill Skelley, the head teach-er who ordered the closure on safety grounds when the gov-ernors withdrew individual tuition for the boy, said: "I hope now that my school can return to normal and carry on with educating all our pupils."

Nigel de Grochy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers. whose members have been on strike, said: "This is a welcome breakthrough. I commend her common sense. It will be better for the youngster."

Mr de Gruchy said the

teachers, who have been criticised by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, had acted courageously. The whole country owes them a debt of gratitude for standing up for good order and discipline."

The dispute began when Manton's governors twice restring of violent incidents. Matters came to a head when parental opposition forced the governors to end individual

McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, which represents Mr Skelley, said: "It is appalling that it has taken so long for this matter to be resolved, but I am delighted that it now is. Had the head teacher's judg-ment prevailed earlier, pupils at Manton school would not have had their education Mr Riddell said he could foresee "no problem" in secur-

ning to contact parents to tell them their school would reopen. Some parents had already moved their children to other schools, and others were considering similar action.

Miss Cliffe's change of heart came a week after the resignation of Eileen Bennett as chairwoman of governors. She strongly supported Miss

Cliffe's stand to have Matthew

taught along with other pu-

ing a place for Matthew at

another school, and was plan-

pils, and her resignation appears to have been the watershed in the dispute. Earlier this week, the school's governors asked the education authority for the first time for help. The authority had also come under pressure from Mrs Shephard,

despite insisting that it had no

power to intervene.

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Pamela Cliffe with her son Matthew yesterday. She said his behaviour had improved under individual tuition

Pupil, 5, is sent home in handcuffs

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A DISRUPTIVE five-year-old was sent home from his Louisiana kindergarten in handcuffs, accompanied by a law officer. after he misbehaved in class.

Virgil Speed's misdeed was to roll a large pumpkin at another child, then to resist the reprimand from his teacher at St Rose Primary School, New Orleans. The school called a sheriff's deputy who handcuffed the boy and drove him home in a squad car.

The school claimed that Virgil was an habitual troublemaker, hit a child, and struck a teacher. He was threatened with

assault charges. The incident has reignit-ed public debate in America about overcautious school discipline and teachers, overwhelmed by a fear of bureaucracy, who will not use common sense in the

In the past two months there have been

a series of such cases, which began when six-year-old Johnathan Prevette from North Carolina was rebuked for "sexual harassment" after he placed an affectionate peck on the cheek of a girl in his class. Parents and local politicians yesterday demanded an apology from school authorities for Virgil and his family. Kojo

Livingston, a church leader, said: "It's an

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educators would call law enforcement officials to deal with a disruptive fiveyear-old. It's an outrage that a sheriff would shackle a small child who was not being violent or disruptive when he

Deana Speed, Virgil's mother, who is still at school herself, admitted that her son was a difficult boy. But she said: "To handcuff a five-year-old means that there is something wrong with the school system and the sheriff's department." She believes he would have been differently treated had he been white and may sue

Number of expelled children still rising

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE NUMBER of children permanently excluded from school continues to rise, according to research. Dr Carl Parsons, commissioned two years ago by the Government to investigate exclusions, has continued his own survey of

education authorities.

Returns from 92 English authorities for 1995-96 show exclusions 8 per cent up on the previous year at 13,400. That means permanent exclusions have risen almost 20 per cent since Dr Parson completed his research for the Department for Education and Employment in 1994.

The department is due to publish its own research suggesting that exclusions have stabilised around 11,000. The department's statistics are based on a survey of individual schools, not on official returns to education

But Dr Parsons, of Christ Church College. Canterbury. said he suspected schools could have played down the size of the problem. His figures suggest exclusions have risen dramatically from the 2,000 identified in 1991-92. In his own latest survey, more than 80 per cent of exclusions - 11,094 - were from secondary schools. Primary exclusions were also growing at 1,794, but more slowly. There were 531 exclusions from spe-

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University staff vote for shutdown

By David Charter, Education correspondent

A ONE-DAY university strike was announced yesterday by eight unions representing more than 100,000 staff from porters to professors.

The unions intend to bring about the first shutdown of the British higher education sys-tem in protest at pay offers ranging from 1.5 per cent for scadernics to 2.5 per cent for manual workers. The strike will be on November 19.

Vice-chancellors said that staff were tucky to have been offered any rise after the cuts in higher education funding made in last year's Budget. Last month figures from the Higher Education Funding Council for England showed that more than 70 universities and colleges, including Cambridge, were on course to go into the red by 1999. At present are running at a

deficit. David Triesman, general. secretary of the Association of cash terms by 2.1 per cent this University Teachers, said: year so it was a surprise to me "Student numbers have douit was possible to give a pay bled in seven years and re-

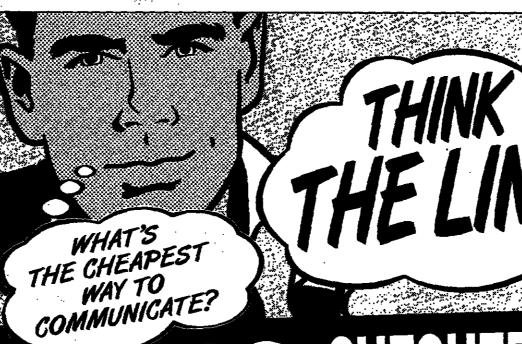
search has increased. Staff have got to the point where they will not pay for and sustain this growth out of their own pay and efforts."

also agreed to other action,

The association said it was also considering disrupting examinations, course work assessments and applications. The unions hope that all sities and colleges of higher

including a work-to-rule. Average pay for university manual workers was said to be F7.504 and for lecturers £26,000. Among unions who voted for the strike are Manufacturing Science and Fi-nance, the Tranport and General Workers' Union and Umson.

Steve Rouse, chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Employers' Association. increase at all."



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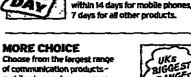
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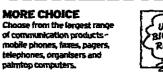
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Four more

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West deaths

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

POLICE searching for clues to further victims of the mass killer Frederick West have

Rosemary, was jailed for life for ten murders. The court was told that the couple made

been unable to trace four

youngsters who vanished

while in the care of Glouces-

In the biggest investigation

of its kind, detectives have been following up the lives of

children who went missing from residential homes in the

25 years to 1994. The inquiry was launched after the body of

one absconder, Alison Cham-

bers, was found at the Wests'

house at 25 Cromwell Street,

Poor record keeping and a

failure to search hard enough

for runaway children are con-

demned in a draft report prepared for the county coun-cil. A total of 97 children —

including Alison - vanished

from the council's four homes.

In addition, 396 files on vul-

nerable children had been lost

The police have since man-

aged to find all but four of

those missing. One of those

not traced was a boy from a travelling family. Details of

the other three have not yet

Frederick West boasted that

he had killed and buried 20

young people in addition to the 12 bodies of girls and young women which were

found at his home and else-

where. He hanged himself

while awaiting trial. His wife,

West he boasted of

20 more murders

Gloucester.

tershire children's homes.

was told that the couple made

their home a haven for run-

aways and that several girls

who absconded from homes

The investigation found no recorded contacts of links be-

tween children in care and the

West family or their homes at

Cromwell Street and Midland

Road, although some links

were known to exist. The

thoroughness of the written

accounts was severely criti-

a house with a cellar under

shown, young people who are aiready extremely vulnerable

can disappear from residen-

tial care and suffer tragic

consequences. Their disap-

pearance needs to be treated

with the same vigour as if the

child had disappeared from

children in care in the county had disappeared, but that was

"not an unusual figure" compared with other areas. The report recommends the creation of a national missing

Bob Lewis, president of the

Association of Directors of

One in six files on the 2,268

their family home.

persons data base.

"As the West case has

strange circumstances.

were frequent visitors.

Teenagers

at traffic

Windscreens on two cars

Newcastle upon Tyne.

Dorothy Inman, 52, of Bradford, was robbed of her handbag as she lay semiconscious on the pavement after being knocked down by a hoarding that was blown over by gales on Wednesday. She is still in hospital.

Beggar's £1 win

A beggar on legal aid won £1 in damages after suing police for wrongful arrest. Causbridge County Court found that Michael Walker, of Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex,



The video wall that stretches for 17.5 metres in Clapham, south London, to advertise Sainsbury's produce. Only sound will be missing

Store's giant video wall dazzles opposition

By MARCUS BINNEY

cised. The authors state: "The least trained and least experienced staff ultimately care for NOT since Oxo glazed its name in coloured lights over the Thames in 1928 has the most vulnerable children and young people in society." Notes on records showed London seen such a brazen that 78 young people in care piece of advertising on a new were known to have contact building. The front of with other addresses in both Sainsbury's new store in roads. Some suspicious inci-Clapham High Street, south dents were uncovered. One Loudon, is faced with a video girl said she had a "Sugar Daddy". An ex-resident of Jordans Brook House wall 17.5 metres wide which will pulse out the supermarket's message 18 hours a day.

where Alison Chambers had While Oxo had to pretend lived - told a story to a to the planners that its landcurrent resident about visiting mark tower was no more than two noughts and a cross, Sainsbury's has full approval from Lambeth council. The store stands on the

sixth busiest route out of London, with 20,000 cars passing daily. "It's bound to cause a few accidents," a passing policeman said. Brian Collins, a London taxi driver, said: "You see it, take your eyes off the road, and before you know it, you've

gone into the car in front." However, Richard Newman of the local tenants association said: "We welcome it. The new store will brighten the whole place up. The high street's badly run-down."

The pointed roof of the building stands out from a distance like a glass wigwam. It is as if the store had been transported bodily from Tokyo's brilliantly lit entertainment district; dark and gleaming one moment, dazzling with colour and light the Walls tilt and the whole

building looks as if every part is designed to move. The canopy has the bull-nosed metal edge of an aircraft wing. Sainsbury's says that the video wall is the largest of its kind in Europe. The 20 screens can be programmed to project anything from a single still image, like a



The wigwam-style top above tilted glass walls

traditional hoarding to a series of synchronised fastmoving images. Only sound will be missing. Lambeth planners have decreed the wali must stay silent.

ed hoardings and outsized corporate logos. The Clap-ham Sainsbury's is slick rath-er than vulgar and forms a spectacular contrast to its typical south London neighbours, a neo-Georgian bank, a former Edwardian variety theatre, a mock-Tudor pub

and rows of gabled redbrick David Sainsbury, the com-

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The building, designed by

Laurie Chetwood, represents

a potential sea change for

Britain's high streets. Plan-

ners have long resisted the

rampaging commercialism of

American and Japan, where

whole buildings can be covered with giant illuminat-

hours a day."

the back of the pavement, the

been toughened to prevent damage or vandalism. Situated just a few feet from

screen is likely to bring an

pany chairman, said: "We do

not have a set house style but

give each project team the

opportunity to create a unique

solution in terms of design

The most recent Sains-bury's could be designed for

the tropics, all in white metal

with extensive glass canopies.

Clapham suggests there are

more surprises ahead, with

pop art and space invader

stores brightening up seedy

Pictures are produced by

back projection. The video

projectors use liquid crystal

display panels to create the

image with a metal halide lamp as the light source. The

screens sit behind a special

low reflective glass which has

shopping parades.

and choice of materials."

Brussels challenges legality of flooding Welsh bird haven

By NICK NUTTALL

THE completion of the Cardiff Bay barrage scheme is in doubt after a decision by the European Commis-

Social Services, told BBC Radio Five Live: "If it was merely noted that they had sion to reconsider its legality. disappeared and hadn't been Lawyers for the commission have agreed with environmental groups reported to the police and they on MPc that hui I believe we have failed signififor birds might be against EU law. Welsh affairs spokesman, urged the Government to suspend work on the scheme pending the outcome.

The commission's move is likely to embarrass minsters by refocusing attention on a £200 million project which, critics claim, is an economic reasons. The half-finished scheme. which will create a giant leisure lake.

Yesterday Rohdri Morgan, Labour's is continuing to attract protests from wildlife groups and farmers.

The latest dispute is about the plan to flood up to 1,000 acres in the Gwent levels with sewage water to compensate for the mudflats that will be lost. The National Farmers' Union says that would destroy another protected area and would be unlikely to attract the 4,000 displaced dunlin ed pools and rob local farmers of their livelihood.

The decision to reopen the case follows complaints by groups including Friends of the Earth, the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust and the World Wide Fund for Nature. The barrage is within the Severn Estuary and its mudilats have been excluded

on socio-economic grounds. This

year the European Court of Justice ruled a similar decision in Kent to be

Mr Morgan said that a Labour government would review the scheme. The barrage has always been a cosmetic project intended to tickle the fancy of property develop-

The Welsh Office refused to comment on the commission's action.

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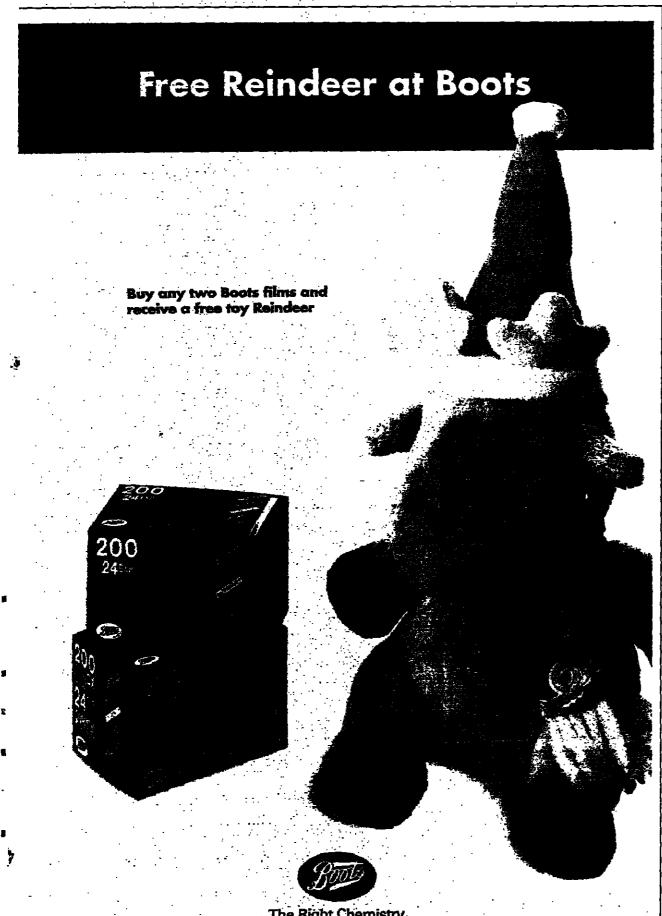
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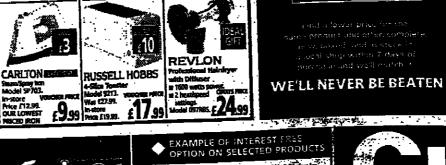
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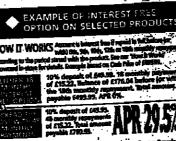












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Tale of sex and mutiliation awaits verdict from censors

Director defends 'perverted' film

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE director of Crash, a film exploring the supposed sadomasochistic attraction of bodies mutilated by car crashes, defended himself yesterday against accusations that the film is deprayed and deprayed and perverted

Columbia TriStar hopes to release it in Britain in January, but the British Board of Film Censors has had a copy for nearly a month and has yet to reach a decision. The board, which was widely attacked for awarding certificates to Reservoir Dogs, Natural Born Killers and Kids, could refuse a certificate or insist on cuts.

David Cronenberg insisted that his film was neither immoral nor irresponsible. "I don't think somebody is going to see this film, copy it and go and look for car crashes to get off on," he said, after a screening at the London Film Festival. "People fasten their seatbelts for the first time after they've seen this movie."

The film, starring James Spader and Holly Hunter, centres on characters who achieve sexual gratification



James Spader and Holly Hunter in Crash

from their shared enjoyment of car crashes: they are aroused by scars and wounds. Their fantasies lie in re-enacting the fatal accidents of James Dean and Jane Mansfield, and they draw excitement from taking photographs of bruised and bloodspattered victims. One character tattooes his body with a scar that he hopes to receive

one day. Cronenberg said: "It has been seen by 700,000 people in France and traffic statistics have remained constant. I don't think it is a violent film.

heart." He added: "I would not want the film shown in Britain if it has to be cut, but whether I have the power to do

The film is based on J. G. Ballard's novel, which was roundly attacked by British and American critics when it was published in 1973. One reviewer said it was "the most repulsive book I've yet to come across", appealing to "those who think quadruple amputees are chic".

that is a different issue."

Cronenberg, who has also between sex, power and violence is something the French made The Fly and The Dead

British are too puritanical. I'm not saying car crashes are sexy. A car crash has a In the foreword to the 1995

"five-star gore, carnage and

tion with "ambiguous muta-

tions of the flesh". Yesterday he said he had found Ballard's book "difficult and

disturbing". He added: "After

one showing of the film, I got a

card from someone saying A

series of sex scenes is not a

Ballard is one of Britain's

most respected novelists, best

known for Empire of the Sun,

the story of his youth in war-

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the British than anything else.

The French, he added, had

It had its biggest success in

about sex and power", he said.

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plot.' I replied: "Why not?"

edition, he notes: "I have used the car not only as a sexual image, but as a total metaphor for life in today's society. As such, the novel has a political role quite apart from its sexual content, but I would still like to think that Crash is the first pornographic novel based on

torn Shanghai which was He dismissed the suggesfilmed by Steven Spielberg, as well as for his science fiction tion that it glorified violence. There are no cartwheeling novels. Cronenberg's admir-ers see him as a visionary, a cars landing on top of buses in the Die Hard mode. It's all necessary troublemaker in an over in one second, as they are in real life. There are no Ballard describes Cronterrible mutilations, or gore."

enberg's faithful screening of Ballard sees it as a cautionhis book as a "brilliant film, a ary tale, a warning against the 20th-century obsession with technology. "More people have died in car crashes this the critics had generally dis-liked the book said more about century than in the Holocaust," he said, asking why society tolerated "enormouslyhigh fatality figures". He said France, where "driving is all the book gave a warning to readers to drive more slowly. copy, he recommended, should be given to anyone passing a driving test.



Film director David Cronenberg in London yesterday for a screening of Crash

Hindley complaint over press upheld

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

A COMPLAINT by Myra Hindley about a newspaper report of an alleged friendship with Rosemary West has been upheld by the Press

Complaints Commission. found in favour of the Moors murderer's complaint that the story in the Daily Mail was inaccurate. It said it had reached a landmark adjudication "rejuctantly", because the report had been published in good faith and was based on confidential sources.

However, the commission said last night that it would consider reopening the case after studying new evidence supplied by the newspaper, said to support its original story that Hindley and West, Cromwell Street marders, had been seen holding hands in Durham Prison. The new

evidence was from West's son,

It is understood that part of Hindley's complaint to the commission was that she could not have met West at the time because Hindley was in the hospital wing of Durham jail with her leg in plaster and West was held in

The article, published last Novemmer, appeared under the headline "Hand in hand with Hindley". A spokesman for the newspaper said that the case had been based on four "highly reputable but necessarily confidential

· Hindley's solicitor, Michael Fisher, said: "It is important that the press are pulled



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Let us remember the fatherless as well as the fallen

H never knew my father.
The pilot of a Lancaster bumber he bumber, he was shot down in flames returning from a raid on Oherhausen in June 1943. I was not quite 18 months old. Even now 1 sometimes search my memo-ry to see if, hidden deep in the recesses of my mind, there is some faint recall of him. But

there is none. It helps that there are tangible memorials. Indeed. one early memory I do have is, when I was four, laying the poppy wreath on Remembrance Sunday at the church war memorial newly bearing his name. There was not a dry eye in the place. I remember being puzzled by that. Since 1 was a teenager I have never missed watching the Royal

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Remembrance. Then there is my father's grave. Unlike some whose bodies were never recovered. my father's remains were buried in Eindhoven. For years his grave was adopted and lovingly cared for by a Dutch family: and now, as 1 have seen, it is equally well looked after by the Commonwealth War Graves Commiss-

In my more rational mo-



this way of focusing memory is so important to me. Archbishop William Temple was said to have found it difficult to visit his parents' grave because such attention to earthly remains did not equate easily with Christian belief in the final resurrection of the hody.

Over the years my attitudes being fatherless have changed. At school most of my contemporaries had both parents alive and at home. The obvious difference between us was that they had more of this world's goods - and, at the time that was what I noticed

My first feelings of anger came when I was a student in the 1960s. I was angry and hurt by the movement not least among avant-garde clergy. to alter the nature of remembrance of the fallen. In the fashion of that decade. it was perceived to be irrelevant and an excuse for unhealthy

This was deeply insensitive not only to the fallen and those who had survived, many of them still bearing mental or physical wounds. It was also unkind to those loved ones whom the fallen had left behind - some to live their life alone without the one they would have married: others deprived of a spouse, a parent, or children.

he nation, in its acts of remembrance, has seemed sometimes to forget the sacrifice paid by those left behind. Bearing in mind our significant Judaeo-Christian tradition, with its emphasis on caring for the fatherless and widows, that seems a strange and poignant omiss-

In the 1990s, however, what concerns me far more than my personal loss is the fact that my generation has been succeeded by a society with a different type of single-parent - which often means that children are robbed of the



Nigel McCulloch in 1942 with his father, who was shot down in June 1943

love and guidance of a father for very different reasons from mine. If my own experience is anything to go by, those who are fatherless may find it especially difficult to understand some key reli-

gious ideas and language.

I remember, even when I was reading theology, being quite unmoved by the excitement of a lecturer on Galatians explaining how the Greek word Abba means Daddy - and how that can

transform our understanding of God. As I had never had anyone whom I could ever call Daddy, I found this difficult to relate to.

Thankfully, now I have children who call me Daddy, I can understand the point. Perhaps I am beginning to realise how much I have missed by not having a father to help to bring me up - and what damage that could have done (and to a certain extent did do) both to my emotional

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security and my religious understanding. This weekend I shall, as always at this time fice and that of countless others. But I shall also remember those living who, for whatever reason, have not known the love and guidance

☐ Nigel McCulloch is Bishop of Wakefield and author of Barriers to Belief (Darton,

of a father.

POETRY AND REMEMBRANCE

Debt of thanks

The war dead are nearly always looked upon as heroes, whether their sacrifice has been worthwhile or in vain. This tradition is at least as old as the 4th century BC, when Simonides praised the 300 Spartans who died defending the pass at Thermopylae. Emily Dickinson, 22 centuries later, expressed much the same sentiment after the American Civil War.

It feels a shame to be - Alive When men — so brave — are dead Tomorrow, in many churches, the famous words of Laurence Binyon will be recited:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them It is important for both individuals and the nation to It is important for both individuals and the nation to cherish and respect the memory of the dead. Every village in France has a well-tended memorial listing the names of the villagers who died in the two World Wars. Britain still observes Remembrace Sunday, with the monarch paying homage at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, on behalf of her subjects. Ceremonies of remembrance may be public and religious, or private and agnostic. What is never forgotten is the debt owed to those who laid down their lives for their country.

country.
The poem I have chosen, Hymn to the Fallen, comes from a medieval war fought in China. The sentiment is the same.

ANONYMOUS

Hymn to the Fallen

We hold our flat shields, we wear our jerkins of hide: The axles of our chariots touch, our short swords meet. Standards darken the sun, the foe roll on like clouds: Arrows fall thick, the warriors press forward. They have overrun our ranks, they have crossed our line:

The trace-horse on the left is dead, the one on the right is

The fallen horses block our wheels, our chariot is held fast: We grasp our jade drum-sticks, we beat the rolling drums."

Heaven decrees their fall, the dread Powers are angry: The warriors are all dead, they lie in the open fields. They set out, but shall not enter; they went but shall not The plains are empty and wide, the way home is long.

Their tall swords are at their waist, their hows are under their arm: Though their heads were severed their spirit could not be

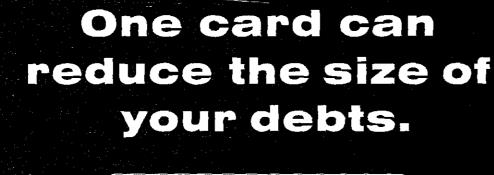
They that fought so well - in death are warriors still:

Stubborn and steadfast to the end, they could not be dishonoured. Their bodies perished in the fight; but the magic of their

souls is strong -Captains among the ghosts, heroes among the Dead.

Translated from the Chinese by Arthur Waley

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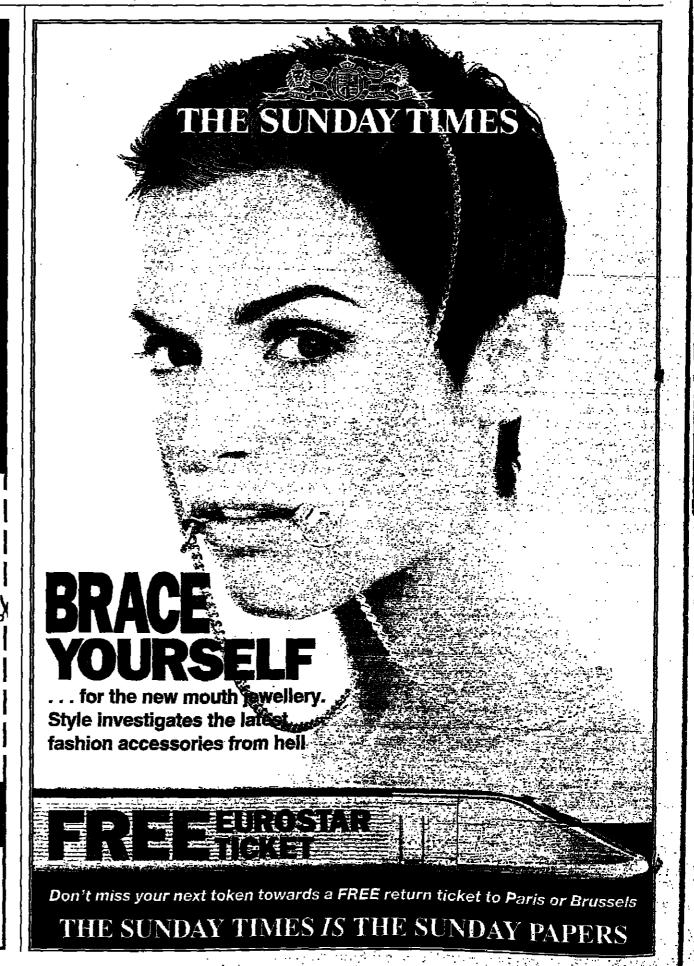


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Two minutes of silence speak for whole nation

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

CITIES, towns and villages across Britain are giving wholehearted support to the call for two minutes' silence on Monday to remember the nation's war dead. Many will herald the moment at llam by firing maroon rockets and ringing church bells.

The Royal British Legion has been overwhelmed with promises of support for its appeal to mark the moment when the guns stopped at the end of the First World War at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh

Much of normal life will halt as schools, local authorities, businesses, shops, passengers and staff on buses, trains and aircraft remember the sacrifice of those who fell in two world wars and the 12,000 servicemen and women killed since 1945.

John Major said yesterday: "With many others, I shall be pausing for two minutes to remember and to resolve anew that the sacrifice of those who gave their lives shall not be in vain." Michael Portillo,



The Royal British Legion seeks to renew the widespread observance once given to Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, as in this London ceremony in 1950

instructed commanders stationed around the world to arrange for military bases to observe the silence.

Tony Blair has also supported the call to revive the traditional observance, which began in 1918 with the firing of maroon distress flares. Ian Townsend, the legion's secretary-general, said the aim was to restore a tradition last

"Many of the older generation speak with emotion of the ways in which, before the Second World War, the whole country came to a standstill at Il o'clock, whatever day of the week. It seems to me that if we truly believe in the message of remembrance, then that is what we must aim for." Staff and customers of Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's

and Asda will be among those

of the big stores who will be asked to observe the silence. Many of the biggest employers, including Guinness, Tarmac, PowerGen, Cadbury Schweppes, British Airways and Glaxo Wellcome have entered into the spirit of the revival. Among those who have failed to respond to the call are Safeway, Boots, John Lewis and Hanson. The legion did not contact foreign-owned

groups such as Rover, owned by BMW, or the Japanese car group Nissan.

The legion says that the response from local authorities has been so overwhelming that there has been a run on maroon rockets. In Dover, the castle guns will be fired and other authorities will be laying

Head teachers have been told by Charles Lewis, the

legion's controller of communications, that "it is the duty of all of us to bring it to the notice of the younger and future generations". The first of many schools to pledge support was Britain's largest comprehensive, the 1.860-pupil Kenton School in Newcastle upon Tyne. Doug McAvoy, the NUT general secretary,

said: "Our children are the

made by servicemen and women. I am very pleased that they wish to commemorate that sacrifice by their support for the two minutes' silence." Mr Townsend said: "There

has only been one year since 1945 when no British serviceman or woman has been killed. It is extremely gratifying that so many schools will be recognising the sacrifice of the more than 12,000 service

on active service and peacekeeping duties."

Professional footballers will interrupt their practice sessions. Manchester, Sunderland and Liverpool have each promised to observe the silence. The BBC will break into normal programmes on BBCI with a silent montage of photographs and specially shot film. On Radio 2 a minute's silence will followed by a recital of Laurence Binyon's poem For The Fallen. ITN and Sky will begin their Ham bulletins late.

The legion which says that a poll organised by Teletext showed 94 per cent in favour of the campaign, are asking mobile telephone companies to urge customers to desist from making calls.

There wil be a memorial service to mark the creation of the National Memorial Arboreturn in 159 acres of forest bordering the Trent and the Tame in Staffordshire.

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Veterans launch campaign to stop memorial vandals

By DANIEL McGrory

WAR veterans will use Remembrance weekend to drum up support for a new campaign to protect the nation's war memorials from vandals

Scores of memorials have been desecrated or stolen in recent months and a former Royal Marine is leading the fight to preserve them. Ian Davidson, 61, and fellow volunteers have begun compil-ing a dossier of their and vandalism that he describes as "a deplorable shame on our country".

His campaign began after learning that vandals daubed graffiti and chiselled obsceaities on the Heroes' Shrine in Aldershot, Hampshire. When he went to investigate he found the garden of remembrance neglected and over-

"There are over 25,000 memorials from the First and Second World Wars alone. and most towns will have one, but we take so little care of them." he said. "This weekend will we how our heads and were not immediately reportremember for a couple of od missing, minutes, but the rest of the Sir Thomas Ingilby, Presitime we lorget what these deat of the Cooncil for Premonuments represent for us vention of Art Theft, and future generations." and future generations."

Friends of War Memorials, wants a national telephone

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beipline so that the public can report damaged or neglected monuments. He is seeking support from MPs of all parties and is hoping to enlist the Prime Minister's help, as one of the latest attacks has been in his Huntingdon constituency. "Vandals bent the bayonet on the memorial, so where better to begin our clean up?"

Monuments are increasingly prized by thieves who sell them as garden sculpture or ment them down for scrap. Last month thieves stole a 6ft 9in bronze statue of a First World War soldier from Stansted, in Kent. They tied a low rope around the statue's legs and used a van to pull it from its plints. Police fear that the statue will be melted

The list of recent thefts includes those of two marble figures and a shield of honour from Halifax, and a stone lion and two bronze angels from sites in Suffolk, but as in so many cases the monuments

Mr Davidson's group, the many local authorities to spend many on repairing or projecting monuments. If they can have closed-circuit solvision watching their stooping precincts, then why

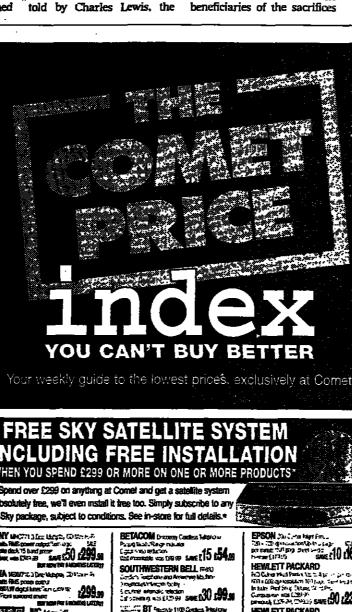
town's memorial?" The campaign is being sup-ported by the Tory MPs Sir Bonald Thompson and Lady Olea Maniand, and the come-dan and writer Spike Milligan has agreed to be its patron. Mr Donaldson said:

"I am hoping to gather a committee of prominent people, from generals to MPs and all those interested in protecting our heritage, to realise what we are losing." Countess Mountbatten of

Ruma said: "It is very sad to see all the neglect and vandalism so I am delighted to know that at last something is being done. If the public realised done I am sure they would give their full support and I know my late father would have been the first to work for their restoration."

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Jury may throw out first war crime trial

BY BILL FROST

A JURY may be asked to decide whether an 85-yearold widower facing prosecution in Britain's first war crimes trial is fit to plead when he appears at the Old Bailey in January.

Mr Justice Potts ruled yesterday that two preliminary hearings should be held before any full trial of Szymon Serafinowicz. The first, when defence lawyers are expected to urge that the case be dismissed under an abuse of process argument, is set for December 17 or 18. Depending on the outcome, the issue of his fitness to plead is due to be decided by a jury on January 7, when medical evidence is to be given.

The retired carpenter from Banstead, Surrey, faces three charges of murdering three unidentified Jews between November 1941 and March 1942 in Belarus, then occupied by German forces.

I was Oskar Schindler of Uganda, says new bishop

THE first African consecrated as an English bishop has admitted sending innocent people to jail while working as a magistrate under Idi Amin. John Sentamu, the newly appointed Anglican Bishop of Stepney, said it was a ploy to save the accused from summary execution if they were freed.

He compared himself with Oskar Schindler, who saved the lives of hundreds of Jews while posing as a friend of the Nazis. Dr Sentamu recalled sending ten innocent people to prison as a young law official during Amin's reign of terror in Uganda. His own life was saved when he was allowed to leave the country to read theology at Cambridge. "I got out in 1974," Dr Sentamu said.
"If I had not done so. I would have been dead meat."

Dr Sentamu spoke for the first time about the excruciating moral dilemmas he faced as a magistrate posted to Gulu in northwestern Uganda, where Amin's men victimised local people, who were from the same tribe as Milton Obote, the previous President. Dr Sentamu knows that the



Amin: he regarded Dr Sentamu as an agitator

ten he jailed on remand were later freed and are now safe, living in various countries. Had he released them immediately, knowing the evidence against them was insufficient to justify a trial, he is certain they would be dead.

During his last nine months before leaving Uganda, he had felt constantly under threat from Amin, who had stationed an armoured personnel carrier outside his house to prevent him from trying to escape the country. Many of the cases that came before him were based on

locally motivated, trumped-up into an acid bath in one of evidence. Dr Sentamu, 47, Amin's notorious rituals. The gave the example of a doctor who was brought before him on a charge of poaching game. You would not get a doctor doing that, I mean why would he want to do such a thing? You had to work from within and understand the system and its limitations. It wasn't a time for pronouncing, it was a

Some judges had adopted the view that Amin's every order should be followed, but he knew the situation was flawed. "The thing to do was to save lives, almost like Schindler," he said.

time for rescuing."

When asked about the ethics of his actions, he said: "My Christian faith told me that it was right. The law as we had it in Uganda, and as in this country, has grown out of the Christian tradition. Justice is often not just innocent or guilty, justice is often doing what is right."

Dr Sentamu was a friend of

Chief Justice Benedicto Kiwanuka, thought to have been assasinated at the dicatator's order. His body was rumoured to have been cut up into pieces and thrown

case was the worst example of Amin's summary justice he had ever heard of Dr Sentamu said.

He and his wife left Uganda after the assassination of Archbishop Janani Luwum. He was able to escape only because he had secured a place at Cambridge. He was granted the necessary exit. papers on the condition that he return. He never did.

Dr Sentamu said he felt sure that his life was in danger after his dispute with the President over the expulsion of Ugandan Asians. Amin saw him as an agitator and he knew that Amin meant "to finish him off.". After he point-ed out to the President that he was committing a crime under international law, he convinced him to have all Asian property registered prior to its confiscation.

His 91-year-old father, whom he left behind, came to Britain for his son's consecration. He still lives in his Bugandan home town of Massoli, near Kampala, where Dr Seniamu grew up as one of 13 children.

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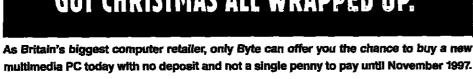
By A Staff Reporter

CHURCH of England dergy are having a tougher time than ever before, the Arch-bishop of Canterbury said yesterday. They faced a culture of contempt and deep cynicism. Dr George Carey told a congregation of 600 at Bristol Cathedral.

Dr Carey, a leader of the evangelical tradition, said that the evangelical movement the Church's fastest-growing wing - must acknowledge "other traditions". His comments came as he delivered a sermon to mark the silver jubilee of the Trinity Theologi-cal College, Bristol, of which he was principal for five years to 1987. The congregation, drawn from ten nations, in-cluded several bishops and

former college pupils.

Dr Carey said a review of the college's history was a journey of faith. No one can deny that ministry in this country is, in many respects, harder than it ever was Keeping the faith faithfully inword and deed will require the church to provide more re-





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Prince keeps his diplomatic cool in carbuncle city

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE Prince of Wales received a pop star's welcome from thousands of building students in Kazakhstan yesterday. In return, he displayed admirable diplomatic skill when he was shown modern

architecture in its capital. The students at the Kazakh State Academy of Architecture and Construction in Alma Ata waved Union flags, whistled and cheered. Many of the buildings and designs on the tour might normally register in the Prince's mind with words like "monstrous" and "carbuncle". He always managed to find something positive to say, even if it was: love the mountains in the

Alma Ata, at the foot of the Tien Shan mountains bordertakable imprint of the former Soviet Union which controlled the country until the fail of the Iron Curtain. The potentially oil-rich state is the size of Western Europe. The most cosmopolitan of Kazakhstan's cities, Alma Ata is largely a collection of uninspired, run-down blocks of flats or tin-roofed shanty

towns in an earthquake zone. Government buildings are on a grand scale. President Nazarbayev, a former Communist boss, is reported to be among the world's richest men and has two palaces.

The Holy Ascension Ortho dox Cathedral, constructed largely of solid timber, was the only building which survived an earthquake of 1911. Bells tolled as the Prince and his entourage approached. In-side, several elderly womenwere waiting to see him.

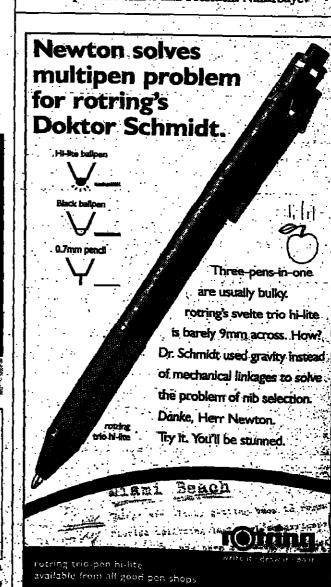
The Prince, on a nine-day tour of Ukraine and central Asia, was also briefed on an ecological disaster which is draining the Aral Sea, straddling Kazakhstan and neighbouring Uzbekistan to the south. Up to 90 per cent of irrigation before reaching the Aral Sea, which is drying up. Ships have been left stranded.

In the evening, President Nazarbayev hosted a banquet for the royal guest. A Euro-pean menu of caviar and pheasant was preferred to traditional Kazakh delicacies which include sheep's

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Banquet the Prince and President Nazarbayev



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Hillsdown aims to regain pension cash tax



Sir John: long battle

GAS BILLS are set to fall by

an average E7 next year after

the regulator yielded to argu-

ments from British Gas over

competition costs and scaled

down early plans for price

Initial pricing controls

would have delivered a cut of

£8 on household bills. The

regulator has backed down

both on a one-off hit across

which would have delivered

the £8 benefit in 1997, and on a

running control on prices

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The climbdown on both the

curbs on supplies.

HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS, the Typhoo Tea to Buxted Chicken food group, is taking legal action against the Inland Revenue to recover F7.4 million of tax paid in 1989 on money it received from the pension fund of a

The move is the latest stage in a long legal battle that has followed Hillsdown's takeover in 1983 of the Fatstock Marketing Corporation. When it bought the meat processing business, the pension fund assets were in line with liabilities. By 1988

Ofgas bows to

pressure and

limits bill cuts

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

one off hit and the inflation-

linked pricing formula comes

after significant concessions

from Clare Spottiswoode, Di-

rector-General of Gas Supply,

on curbs for TransCo. British

after complaints from institu-

tional investors, she offered

final price caps at the lower

end of initial proposals and

gave substantial ground on the valuation of TransCo's

assets, in spite of admitting that she felt uncomfortable

In spite of the concessions,

British Gas resisted the

TransCo proposals and forced

a Monopolies and Mergers

Commission inquiry into the

sions to the company involves

a modification of the RPI-X

curb from -5 to -4, which is the

current level of control exerted

on British Gas's domestic

tariffs. Although the new

curbs, revised from initial

plans set out in the summer,

are still only proposals and

British Gas has a month to

respond to them, the company

is expected to embrace the

Pinlip Rogerson, deputy chairman of British Gas, said:

When the initial proposals

were put forward in June we

had a number of serious

the proposals are tough, we

expect to accept them, as long as they are unchanged, follow-

ing the statutory consultation

A spokesman for Ofgas said

the pricing modifications had

been made to allow British

Gas cash to implement the

new competitive gas market,

"Although we still believe

Yesterday's fresh conces-

curbs, which is under way.

about the revaluation.

Gas's pipelines division. Then,

to £18.4 million. In spite of restrictions that prevented

transfer of the surplus to the company. Hillsdown was able to sidestep the It persuaded the fund trustees to

transfer the members of the scheme and the assets to its own pension scheme where there were no restrictions preventing money being

transfered to the company.

As a result Hillsdown, which is headed by Sir John Nott, a former Defence Secretary, received £11.1 million and had to pay tax of £7.4 million.

which is being extended from the South West to other re-

British Gas is steadily fac-

ing competition in the supply

of household gas as areas of

the country are opened up to

rival companies. So far only

500,000 households in the

South West can shop around

for their gas, but early next

year the opening up of the

parts of the South and South East and will involve two

British Gas has complained

that the speed of competition

evolution has placed strain on

its network. A new national

billing system it has intro-

months has caused havoc by

sending out thousands of red

reminders before bills and

warning good-paying custom-

Ms Soottiswoode said:

"While British Gas still sup-

plies most domestic customers

with their gas, the new control

will offer all customers a

regulated tariff which will

ensure their bills go down by

an average of 4 per cent a year

on top of the initial cut of £7.

We have also given British Gas the freedom to bring in

The pricing controls run for

three years, after which it is

not expected that domestic

prices will be regulated because British Gas will then

face full competition from

rivals across the country and

will therefore be under market

pressure to offer competitive

In addition to the price caps,

British Gas will have to lift its

minimum compensation pay-

ment from £10 to £11.

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additional tariffs."

over the past few

million homes.

Fatstock Marketing Corporation pensioners took their case to Julian

Farrand, the Pensions Ombudsman. He ruled that Hillsdown had breached its duty of good care in removing the money from the pension fund members. Hillsdown appealed, but the Om-budsman's decision was upheld by a

High Court ruling in July by Mr Justice Knox that Hillsdown was

"unjustly enriched" by its actions. As part of the process of repaying the pensioners of the Fatstock Marketing Corporation the full £18.4 million, £7.4 million of tax paid together with interest accrued since 1989. It has repaid Ell.1 million to the

A spokesman for Hillsdown confirmed that a writ has been issued although not yet served against the

Inland Revenue. Hillsdown has a period of up to four

months from the issue date of November 6 in which to serve the writ if the legal action is to proceed. The Inland Revenue made no com-

ment on the writ or any proposed

CE 'up to 29% of Northern Electric'

By OUR INDUSTRIAL

CE ELECTRIC, the American partnership behind a £766 million hostile bid for Northern Electric, yesterday claimed a 29.45 per cent stake in the company and called for Northern's board to admit defeat and recommend its offer.

However, Northern shares fell again, with the market wary of a possible reference of the bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. They fell 18p to 605½p, well below the 630p offer price, letting CE

buy shares in the market. Financial stability will be a Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, to the Office

of Fair Trading.
City doubts hang on CE's ability to convince him on this because of the junk rating of CalEnergy, the US group leading the bid.

David Morris, chairman of the UK utility, said: "Northern Electric is naturally disappointed that speculation con-cerning a possible reference to the MMC of CE Electric's offer has depressed Northern

Electric's share price." David Sokol. CE chairman, "The market has analysed Northern Electric's valie and clearly concluded that in the absence of other offers, substantial downside exists."

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Shares headed in the wrong way for David Morris

Maxwell pension debts settled

THE final settlement in the five-year battle to reclaim the £400 million of assets removed from the Maxwell penyesterday when £9 million of shares in Euris, a French investment trust, were handed back to the pensioners (Jason Nissé writes).

However, the main beneficiary of the deal is set to be the Government, which is able to cut back its liability to fund a guaranteed minimum pension to former employees of the late

Robert Maxwell's empire. Banque Nationale de Paris, the state-owned French bank. took the Euris shares as collateral for a loan made shortly before Robert Maxwell's death in November

The shares were owned by the pension fund, but BNP said that it took them in good faith as they had been transferred to Headington Invest-

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Should you guarantee your children's debts?

Financier used daughter's name

By ROBERT MILLER

THE senior executive of a corporate finance firm who applied for shares in a placing in the name of his daughter has been fined £17.500 by a City watchdog.
The Serious Fraud Office

was called in to investigate after international Food Machinery (IFM), which came to the stock market in 1992 with a price tag of £7 million, failed The Securities and Futures

Authority, the watchdog for brokers and futures dealers, announced yesterday that John Searson, the senior executive officer of Brook Corporate Fi-nance (BCF), based in Birmingham, was also required to pay costs of £4,300 and he had resigned from the regulator's register of directors. In March 1994, BCF was appointed as broker and financial adviser to

a share placing. By July 6, 1994 BCF had obtained commitments for the placing of £500,000 of shares, £700,000 less than the amount required to meet the minimum placing. Mr Searson responded to a suggestion that BCF should underwrite part of the shortfall and agreed to do so in respect of £400,000 with the chairman of the client company (IFM) underwriting the balance through a family

Mr Searson then forwarded applications for shares in his daughter's name and in the name of the chairman's family trust. As agent for IFM, Mr Searson instructed the registrar not to cash the cheques accompanying the two applications without specific instructions to do so. As a result, the placing remained open.

The SFA said: "The failure to comply with the terms of the prospectus gave the misleading impression that the placing had succeeded in meeting minimum subscription and that all shares had been paid in full."

Mr Searson, who remains registered as a representative of BCF, admitted to the watchdog that he "failed to observe the high standards of integrity and fair dealing" required under City rules.

Lloyd's chief makes pledge to names

By Keith Rodgers

RON SANDLER, chief executive of Lloyd's of London, hit back after continuing complaints over the payment of insurance profits yesterday with a pledge to settle the "overwhelming majority" of cases by the end of the month. Payment of the £570 million 1993 profit, the last reported year under the Lloyd's accounting system, has been

held up by the market's £3.2 billion

rescue deal and US regulatory issues. Some of the 11,600 names entitled to payment have criticised Lloyd's over the payments, which are usually distributed mid-year. Mr Sandler insisted that most would receive their surpluses within the timetable laid out in the Settlement Offer Document, which allows three months from when the offer went unconditional on September 4. He suggested that few of those who were auxious about payment understood the complexity of the process. and few "have read the documentation to the adequate level of detail".

Lloyd's is writing to members and agents this weekend to spell out its payment plans. It said 4,000 cheques have been sent out in the past week; these are likely to be in partial settlement. The problem has centred on the fact that a proportion of most names' profits come from US dollar accounts, which are subject to regula-

Insurance Department. Ernst & Young is auditing names' accounts and expects to finish in two weeks. At that point, according to Lloyd's, the NYID will release the funds. Settlement of sterling accounts has

tory approval by the New York

already begun. However, some payments will be further delayed by separate problems in the insurance market, such as the collapse of two Personal Stop Loss underwriters.

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is waymarked territory. In contrast the future is unmapped and unimaginable. Three hundred years ago Wren was building St Paul's Cathedral — instantly recognisable as part of the labric of the lives of those who work in the City. We can visualise London during Wren's reconstruction easily enough; can anybody imagine what sort of a world St Paul's will occupy in 300 vears' time?

Why does this asymmetry between the post and the future matter? I believe we in the developed world are wilfully neglecting the interests of our descendants. like the spoilt sons of rich families in the 18th century blowing away

their inheritance in an evening's that current trends are unsustaingambling at the Hellfire Club.

Economists have always recognised that there is a problem about our view of the future - Pigou called it "man's defective telescopic faculty" - and introduced discounted cashflow analysis to reflect both uncertainty and the expectation that money can grow yearly. But the rate of return we expect on our money has risen. Where are the Forsyte family's 3 per cent Consols now? Trading at a heavy discount. Moreover, the pace of technical, industrial and social change has been so rapid that the future, both conceptually and economically. seems more uncertain.

So today's "quick win" is valued much more highly than the greater potential benefit of tomorrow. And like other businessmen I am bound to conform to the practice of the day and look for a fast "pay-back" so as to optimise my company's investment decisions and maximise sharcholder value.

But as a citizen - of the nation and of the world - I am convinced

able. Without resurrecting the unduly doom-laden Club of Rome predictions of the 1970s that resources were rapidly running out, and making full allowance for man's adaptability, it seems to me clear that the rate of growth in the developed world's economic activity

ues to make - are spendthrift in terms of man's long-term occupancy of this planet. Energy is a prime example. In Europe we actually throw away more than 90 per cent of the potential energy in our fossil fuel,

and the North Americans are even

- and the choices which it contin-

more wasteful. What are we and the other developed nations really doing to the world and its future occupants? Until the 19th century, man had barely scratched the surface literally - of the coal, gas and oil reserves laid down over hundreds of millions of years. Since then there has been a remorseless upward progression of primary ener-



Mark Baker

million tonnes of coal equivalent in 1800, to more than 12 billion tonnes today. The fuel we now burn every year took two million years to form. New hydrocarbon reserves continue to be discovered and there are still many decades of resources left. But these reserves are finite and precious, and what might better be used at the end of the next century for making recyclable plastics, pharmaceuticals, and perhaps oth-

er as-yet-uninvented materials, is currently going up in smoke - or, worse, in carbon dioxide and other

For even if the fossil fuel resources were there, what will be the climatic consequences of such a huge increase in greenhouse gas emissions? Any comfort taken in weatherman Bill Giles's plan for olive groves in the Midlands must be weighed against the prospect of terminal famine across vast tracts of land in the world's near desert

As governments look beyond the Rio commitment to hold global carbon dioxide emissions in check and contemplate the need to cut them back, the spectre of a clean energy deficit in the next century looms large. You would expect me, as Chairman of Magnox Electric, a nuclear generator, to say that safe nuclear energy - which contributes neither to climate change or acid rain — is the answer. Indeed, I believe that nuclear power must and will make a vital contribution to sustainable world energy in the

next century. Other clean technologies will also help, but they too are only part of the answer. Renewable energy is another part, and restraint by the world's "haves" is overdue.

The developing world is watching our consumption of resources with understandable envy and is bound to emulate it. More than half the world has no domestic electricity supply. If every inhabitant of China switched on one extra light bulb (I am writing this in an office where six are on in the middle of the day) they would create a demand requiring the immediate construction of broadly another 60 gigawatts of generating plant -probably coal-fired and the equiva-

lent of 30 Didcot A power stations. In fact energy consumption in China (which already accounts for a quarter of the world's coal burn) is forecast to increase 85 per cent over the next 25 years. And they are on course. The Chinese economy has grown at 10 per cent per annum for the past ten years. Their industry would have grown faster but for

electricity shortages. Even with such growth rates, per capita consumption in the developing world will lag well behind the Western world's. But given the size of the populations involved, the growth in global consumption will be huge. Small wonder that the more pessimistic economists snort when people talk about "sustainable development". A fundamental principle of sustainable development is equity - sharing resources not just between different regions of the globe, but between different generations. Are we prepared to

level down? Meanwhile, the FT-SE 100 continues to flirt with the 4,000 mark. the rich world gets richer, and we in business must continue to pursue profit and growth. How are we to step back from the gaming table and re-establish, on a global scale, the good old-fashioned principle of preserving our family silver - not to mention our fossil fuels?

Mark Baker is Chairman of Magnox Electric

Jump in Unilever shares takes City by surprise

UNILEVER, the food and detergents group, was the strongest performing share in the FT-SE 100 yesterday, leaping more than 5 per cent in

The shares rose 712p to close at £13.46½ p. adding £1.4 billion to Unilever's stock market value. Although the company released better than expected third-quarter results. analysts were at a loss to explain the sudden strength of

Richard Newboult, of Lehman Brothers, said: "I just have people phoning up and saying what the hell is going on?" He said that Goldman Sachs, the American investment bank, had been very keen on Unilever and suggested that American investors might have sustained the shares' early momentum.

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Unilever's operating profits. at £918 million, were broadly

£32 million exceptional charge was lower than expected. The charge was largely down to restructuring at Diversey, the recently acquired industrial

cleaning business. Pre-tax profits for the quarter rose 5 per cent to £820 million, on sales 7 per cent ahead at £8.7 billion. This lifted the nine-month profits total to £1.95 billion, a 2 per cent improvement on last year.

Unilever's European sales fell slightly, hit by the poor summer that cut an estimated £50 million from the profits of selling Magnum, Cornetto and other ice-creams.

However, European profits moved to £502 million (£489 million) because of better results from frozen foods, with the company concentrating higher-margin meals. Costs in the detergents business also fell.

North American sales were in line with forecasts, but the strongly ahead at £1.8 billion.

with 7 per cent of the growth from existing businesses, particularly margarine and detergents. However, profits remained static at £173 million because of heavy spending on marketing. This included advertising for 5th Avenue, a new Elizabeth Arden perfume.

Unilever's strongest performance came from Asia and the Pacific, part of the emerging markets that are expected to represent half the group's sales before 2010. Quarterly sales from Asia and the Pacific increased 19 per cent to £1.26 billion, while profits climbed 23 per cent to £108 million. Unilever said that the strongest growth came in China, India, Indonesia and the Phil-

ippines. It also did well in Unilever will pay an interim dividend of 10.29p a share, up 46 per cent, on December 20.

THE TIMES



Michael Hodges plans to launch a CD-Rom version of The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Hodges on-line to net £1m

By Fraser Nelson

Dresdner

in funds

revamp By Robert Miller

DRESDNER, the German

banking group that owns Kleinwort Benson, has an-

nounced plans to create a new

global asset management arm with more than E50 billion of

The company will bring

together the diverse interna-

tional fund management in-

terests of Dresdner. The group

will consist of the £14.7 billion

at Kleinwort Benson Invest-

ment Management, including

its unit and investment trusts,

the £1.8 billion looked after by

Thornton, and the \$26 billion

under management of RCM

Capital Management, an in-dependent US fund manager.

acquired by Dresdner earlier

RCM, of San Francisco, was

client funds.

MICHAEL HODGES, the former computer programmer who is now chairman of On-Line, will become a paper millionaire next month when his company floats on the Alternative Investment Market.

Mr Hodges, 34, will share a £2.56 million stake in the company with Clement Chambers, 33, now On-Line's sales manager. The two founded the company six years ago. It now markets ten games, three of which are accessed via the Internet. In the nine months to

£44,600 on sales of £211,000. Next year the company will launch a CD-Rom version of The Rocky Horror Picture Show, the cult film. This is being run as a joint venture with Richard O'Brien, who wrote the script to the film and now runs his own software company.

On-Line has raised £1.2 million from coming to the market, £48,000 of which will be spent on marketing and the rest on developing new games. Grant Thornton is putting 1.2 million of On-Line's shares to open offer at loop Tempus, page 30 | September 30. On-Line made a pre-tax profit of They will start trading on December 5.

Bootle is

asked to be

'wise man'

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY KENNETH CLARKE, the

Chancellor, is inviting Roger Bootle to replace Patrick

Minford - the unconvention-

al professor of economics at Liverpool University — on the

Treasury's Panel of Indepen-

Professor Minford, whose

term expires at the end of the

year, has increasingly made

forecasts at odds with other

members of the panel of "wise

people". In the panel's Budget

advice last week, he called for £4 billion in tax cuts and a

22p basic rate of tax and

opposed further interest rate

rises. The rest of the panel

called for some fiscal tighten-

ing and rate rises to dampen

consumer spending.

Mr Bootle, chief economist

of HSBC, has called for tax

increases in the Budget and

opposed the recent rate rise.

dent Economic Advisers.

months, and pre-sales of £75 million were achieved. David Goldstone, chairman, said that demand for residential property in London has been boosted by interest from the Far East. Regalian has opened sales offices in Hong Kong and Singapore. At present, about 40 per cent of property sales are to overseas buyers. Tempus, page 30

Regalian makes

REGALIAN PROPERTIES is to raise £17 million through a rights issue to finance developments in the buoyant London residential property market. The group, which is known for its conversion of redundant office blocks into upmarket apartments, is offering one new share for every two held, at

Regalian also reported a recovery in interim profits, to El.62 million, from £400,000, for the half-year to September 30. Earnings per share rose to 1.39p, from 0.38p, and the

company is returning to the dividend list with an interim payment of 0.4p a share. Net assets per share rose to 42.24p.

from 41.25p. The sales value of the property portfolio at the half-year was put at more than £200 million. Properties

valued at £120 million were marketed during the first six

£17m cash call

30p. The existing shares fell by 2p. to 35p.

Roxboro warning SHARES of Roxboro plummeted for the second time in two months when the specialist electronics group gave warning of continuing trading problems. Having opened at 2022p, the shares dived to 123p after the company said there was "no immediate prospect of a meaningful recovery in demand levels" at its Dialight Electronics Product Group, which accounts for about a third of sales. More than £106 million has been wiped off the company's value since September 17; its market

capitalisation is now about £69 million. Tempus, page 30

Senior sale hits snag

SHARES of Senior Engineering dropped 7p to 114½ p yester-day after the company said it had hit problems with the sale of its underperforming thermal engineering arm. Senior stood to gain up to £28.2 million from selling the division to Thermal Engineering Corporation. Completion was scheduled for October 31. It was delayed after Senior said the division's profits applied \$1 million below forecasts. In the structure to the said the structure of the said the s would be £1 million below forecasts. In the six months to June 30, it made an operating loss of £237,000. The two companies have given themselves until December 20 to agree a new deal.

US rail bid increased

AMERICA'S big rail takeover battle intensified yesterday when Norfolk Southern Corp lifted its hostile bid for Conrail Inc by 10 per cent to about \$10 billion, further widening the gap from the \$8.5 billion rival friendly offer by CSX Corp. Conrail, a collection of once-bankrupt freight lines in the North East, is being wooed at a time when rail lines are combining in search of efficiencies as well as market dominance. A merger with either CSX or Norfolk Southern would create America's third-largest freight line.

Fruit of the Loom hours

FRUIT OF THE LOOM, the US clothing company, is extending its three-day working week for its 3,000 employees on both sides of the Irish border to March 1997. The company, which is the biggest US employer in the Republic, introduced the shortened week in June after sales of its eisurewear slumped in Europe. Fruit of the Loom has two plants in Derry and five in Donegal. A company spokesman blamed the continuation of the short-time work on softness in the European consumer products markets.

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: NICK LESLAU

New-style hotelier seeks room to manoeuvre

Jason Nissé meets an energetic millionaire who finds that wearing two business hats is starting to become a little too much to handle

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THE busier Nick Lesiau seems to be, the smaller his office becomes. When he was merely chief ex-ecutive of Burford, the fast-growing property group he worked out of a

able room with a sofa for invited guests and, in estate agents' terminology, a wellappointed roof terrace giving good views over the West End of London.

Now he is, according to Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the stockbroker, the only chief executive of two publicly quoted companies — thanks to last year's flotation of Trocadero, the Burford subsidiary that owns the site in central London - as well as non-executive of Grantchester, which is now being spun off from Burford,

On top of that he is becoming an hotelier. Burford has bought the Sanderson Building just off Oxford Street and an office block above the post office at St Martin-in-the-Fields that it is turning into trendy, room-only hotels along the lines of a model that has proved a success

Accordingly, his office has shrunk to half the size of his old one. However, Leslau hopes to build a

conservatory on the balcony outside to give him-**6** Someone is self some more room provided Camden counalways more cil agrees that he needs it. The new office is casuwealthy and

al and welcoming, a fair reflection of Leslau, who rarely wears a tie and closes his door only if the person to whom he is talking wants confidenti-

ality. The room boasts a large desk seemingly made out of corrugated iron and designed by Leslau's American wife, Maxine, who is a sculptress.

Personal touches abound, including a painting of the Beatles by Paul McCartney's brother, Mike, a rugby ball signed by the English double grand slam team, and a collection of Noddy memorabilis. bilia (Trocadero owns the marketing rights to Enid Blyton).

This is all my stuff," Leslau is at pains to point out. The company did not pay a penny for this. I have a company car, but it's a ten-year-old BMW which is only worth about £3,000. Nigel [Wray. Burford's chairman does not even have a company car. I'm interested in making serious money, but I'm not turned on by gadgets. You won't find any corporate

Leslau has indeed made serious money. Having dropped out of a course in French, German and economics at Warwick University, he took a degree in property management and was just 22 when he joined Burford, which was then an offshoot of an overseas commodities financing company.

The group moved into property and struck gold with a deal to buy Piccadilly Plaza in central London. In 1986, when

Leslau was only 27, the company floated through a reverse takeover of Nigel Wray's company Chartsearch, Leslau netted £4 million from the deal. The combined value of Burford and its subsidiaries now approaches £1 billion. Leslau this week cashed in share options, netting a tidy £5 million profit, and still holds Burford shares worth more than £11

Many people, having been handed a fortune in their mid-20s, might be tempted to live a life of leisure. However, this was never Leslau's route. He says that he is still motivated by money in spite of not spending a fraction of his wealth or earnings and being nagged by his wife to replace his frayed suits and shirts.

"All entrepreneurs are insecure,"

Leslau admits. "Someone is always more wealthy than you, and that always drives you to want more. For instance, I'm not

nearly as wealthy as Nigel."

Wray, a high-flying financier, did not know Leslau when they became partners a decade ago. But since then they have become firm friends and work a fine double act, Leslau playing the sleeves-rolled-up trader and Wray the cerebral

Their paths had crossed well before they became partners. When Leslau was 17 he ran a grocery shop in Belsize Park.

north London, called the Late Late Store, at which Wray shopped.

"I knew him, but he didn't remember me," Leslau recalls with a smile. Recently the tables were turned when, at a City presentation, Leslau was approached by a merchant banker from SBC Warburg. "You might not remember

me," the banker said. "But I worked with you for three months at the Late Late

Colleagues describe Leslau as a perpetual motion machine, oozing energy and ideas. During a trip to Japan last year for talks with Sega, a tenant at the Trocadero, Leslau was regularly the last man in the bar in the small hours of the morning and the first up for breakfast.

However, Leslau rejects any sugges-tion that he is a workaholic. "My average day starts at 7.30am or 7.45am, but I am almost always home to put the kids to bed, which means I get back no later than 7pm. I try not to work at weekends, and if there is anything to do I try and take it home with me. I don't want to be one of those fathers who wakes up one day to find their children are teenagers.

Leslau has no great hobbies, and says he relaxes by wrestling with his boys, who are four-and-a-half and eight. He tends to spend the weekends at his home in Hampstead and the family enjoys walking on Hampstead Heath and socialising with friends. "I'm not into racing cars or football although I go to the occasional rugby match." The recent purchase of Saracens by Nigel Wray has rather decided which team he follows.

At the office, Leslau says the greatest



Nick Leslau, chief executive of two publicly quoted companies, has found that as his working pace increases, his working space diminishes

roblem is finding time to be with people. He likes to sit down with those he works with over a cup of coffee and discuss what they are doing rather than read memos or talk over the phone.

He tries to avoid business lunches because he thinks they take up too much time. "The best part of the day is early in the morning because once the phone starts ringing it becomes a question of how you prioritise your time."

Leslau finds that the best way is working with a small group of people one trusts. The total staff of Burford now stands at 30, of whom eight are surveyors,

including Leslau. He says that he does not want this to grow any larger because there are diminishing returns to scale from a large office. "I'd rather have good people well paid." He also hates office politics, which he rages against as a distraction to the job in hand, which is making money.

Because of the level of work, Leslau does not get out of the office as much as he would like. For instance, Burford recently bought a shopping centre in Glasgow, but

Leslau did not go to see it until it was almost certain that it could be bought at the price Burford wanted to pay.

The company is plagued by surveyors offering it properties to buy, but most get short shrift. "I've learnt to be fairly ruthless with introductions. I have a limited time to consider things and unless I trust the source I tend to pass on the deal. Someone I always listen to is Franco Sidoli at Frank Warwick (the chartered surveyor]. He's as much a part of Burford as anyone. When he brings something I

Since the launch of Sega World,

interactive theme park in the middle of the Trocadero, Leslau's life has become even more busy. He and his team have worked hard to turn the Trocadero from a white elephant that people pass through on their way from Soho to Piccadilly Circus into a viable leisure and shopping

The launch in September of Sega World, which is run and operated by the giant Japanese computer games conpany, was dogged by equipment failure and massive queues for the best

And although Leslau has no direct

input in the running of Sega World, Trocadero's shares have suffered from the bad publicity and he has been caught up in the process of improving the attraction. This has convinced him that wearing

two hats is starting to become a little too much to handle. "It is reasonable to say that I cannot be the chief executive of the Troc for that much longer," he admits. We have to bring in someone who is dedicated to the Troc, someone perhaps with some leisure experience."

No doubt when he sheds his second job. Leslau will be able to expand the size of

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P&O luxury cruise ship is a veritable treasure island

hose of us who do not make a habit of spend-ing our hard-earned holidays on luxury cruise liners may not be aware that the best liners these days cannot describe themselves as "luxury" unless they have an art collection to rival the Tate Gallery hanging on their cabin walls.

The provision of fine - and seaworthy — floating collec-tions is now big business, and P&O has been kitting out its liners with some of the best of British works.

P&O's first Oriana, which set sail in 1960, was equipped with some fine commissioned works, including paintings by John Piper, Ceri Richards and Graham Sutherland. But the Oriana that today floats serenely on the high seas has developed her ari heritage several stages further. With the help of Tom Tempest-Radford International Art Consultants, P&O

Passengers can wallow in a floating

art collection, says Joanna Pitman

has assembled a collection of paintings, prints, sculpture, ceramics, furniture and friezes expected to grow in status and value over the course of the ship's life.

Tempest-Radford had quite a task in beautifying the ship with works of art. 914 cabins and state rooms as well as 12 public rooms, many of them odd shapes. had to be artfully hung with attractive and appropriate

It was required to meet three conditions in its choices. First, they had to flatter the cabins and public spaces where they were to hang - a cruise ship is not the place for disturbing or harrowing images. Secondly, they had to bridge the gap those passengers

with a knowledge of fine art and others with none, but who would nevertheless have their own tastes. And finally, the collection had to be astutely judged to bring some

future improvement in value.

Some 122 artists and 2,982 works are represented in the collection, and in many cases the consultancy has chosen the works of British artists whose reputations were just beginning to grow. It also recommended that P&O commission new works from 40 of the artists.

The Oriana art collection is solidly framed in cherry and gold-leaved oak that will resist wear and acquire a patina with age. Backings are also specially made to

air. There is a wide range of size and media. In the public rooms there are large works such as Rose Warnock's oil — 16.9 metres in length — for the Peninsular Restaurant. and Alice Kettle's embroidered panels in the Curzon Room. At the risk of alienating the ladies, P&O has made cricket a strong theme on board. A mural by Janet Shearer shows a Test match at Lord's, while David Hiscock has produced portraits of Ian Botham, the former England captain, and Brian Lara, the West Indian batsman. Women passengers will, however, be delighted by the trompe l'oeil work by Sarah Janson.

As well as the contempo-

rary work, passengers may also notice pictures from a collection normally housed in P&O's London headquarters 19th-century watercolours and prints of early P&O destinations. Until the 1950s (when stabilisers were fitted and shipping companies began to think of their liners as great hotels) there were only ever two pictures available for viewing on board a luxury cruiser. These were always greyish photographs showing front and back views of an amply covered middle-aged man with a moustache. The pictures were simply framed and screwed to the bulkhead. The Board of Trade required them to be there because they showed passengers how to get into their lifejackets.

Art at sea can only get better. It won't be long before the Turner Prize is judged in the middle of the Pacific.



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Kleinwort Benson gets ready for bear market

of the City's biggest securities houses, is battening down the hatches in readiness for a major bear market.

The firm has already moved out of equities and up to the maximum permitted levels of cash before share orices in the US, Japan and Europe come

Albert Edwards, global equity strategist at Kleinwort, said: We are maximum bearish. We are advising clients to take extreme care over the next few months in equities."

He says the cracks are starting to appear in Japan and continental European markets as the dollar starts to lose ground in the wake of President Clinton's victory at the polls earlier this week. But it will be Wall Street where the worst falls are likely to be seen and that will naturally have serious consequences for in-

vestors in London. There were few signs of the storm to come in London yesterday where the FT-SE 100 index ended another difficult week on a firm note supported by a recovery in gilts. But this week's call by the Bank of England for another rise in interest rates to curb inflationary pressures hangs over the market like a

Further evidence that inflationary pressures are building Industrial Trends Survey from the CBi. As a result, early gains were more than halved as the index finished 10.4 points up at 3,910.8. It succeeded in reducing the loss on the week to 37.7. A total of 768 million shares changed hands.

Fading hopes of a counterbid left Northern Electric 18p cheaper at 605'2 p. That compares with the all-cash offer of 630p a share being offered by CE Electric, the US power generator. CE has now raised its holding in Northern to 29.4 per cent of the issued share capital with further purchases in the market. Brokers say that Northern faces an uphill

independence. Meanwhile, institutional investors have been voting with their feet and switching into other companies in the sector. East Midlands firmed lp to 59312p, still waiting to see the terms from the other another American bidder. Dominion Resources. Dominion said that it would not be paying much above 608p a share. The

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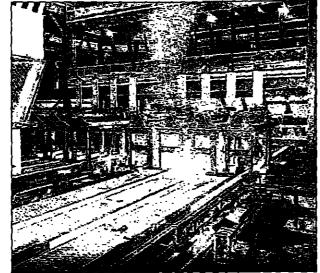
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British Steel firmed 4p to 171p ahead of half-year figures

speculators do not rule out the possibility of another bidder emerging. Elsewhere in the sector, there were gains for Northern Ireland Electricity, 20p to 387p, National Grid, 3½ p to 182½ p and

Scottish Power, 212 p to 3212 p. Unilever responded to better than expected third-quarter figures with a rise of 712p to £13.46½. Pre-tax profits

in Vienna. A further update is expected in three weeks. The shares responded with a rise

of 16'2 p to 230p.

British Steel firmed 4p to 171p ahead of half-year figures on Monday that are expected to show profits down almost 50 per cent. The group also shrugged off news that Avesta. its Swedish associate, had seen its profits in the first six

Politicians are not known for putting their money where their mouths are, but that is not so with Lord Owen, the former Foreign Secretary. He has just paid 6 p for a further million shares in Middlesex Holdings where he has been chairman for the past year. It doubles his stake to two million shares worth £122,000.

were 5 per cent ahead at £826 million.

Some bullish comments from Robert Fleming, the bro-ker, enabled British Biotech claw back much of the fall in the share price that followed an update on testing of Marimastat, its cancer treatment, earlier this week.

Fleming now rates the shares a "strong buy" and says that the City has misinterpreted the findings of the report issued at a conference

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months of the year virtually wiped out. HSBC James Capel, the broker, was said to be behind the support for British Steel.

Also reporting next week is Allied Domecq, up 8½p at 484½p. Brokers are bracing for a sharp downturn in profits, but hopes are high that it may signal a demerger of the group into two separate division, spirits and retailing. After the shock of its referral to the Monopolies and Merg-

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exercise in the City and the shares put on 1812 p at 670p. The market had to contend

with several more profit warnings. Reliance Security Holdings plummeted 60p to 120p wiping £14 million from the group's stock market value of E41 million. The decline in the share price has cost Brian Kingham, the chairman, who continues to hold 73 per cent of the shares, £10 million. The group blamed a slowdown in growth in the contract security

But the biggest fall on the day was reserved for Roxboro Group, down 7912p to 123p after it issued its second profits warning in a few months. After warning about secondhalf prospects in July, the group now says it is unlikely o match its revised estimates. It follows a further deteriora-tion in demand at Dialight. its

subsidiary. Cheisea Village rose 9p to 105½p as City speculators pondered what the late Matthew Harding's trustees would do with his 25 per cent stake. The rise also coincided with the Premier Division side paying £4.5 million for Gianfranco Zola, of Italy.

A cash call by Regalian Property left the shares 2p cheaper at 35p. The group is raising almost £17 million by way of a rights issue on the basis of one-for-two at 30p. It wants the money to buy residential properties in central

GILT-EDGED: The market regained some of its poise with the help of the CBI survey that brokers said was not as bullish as first feared.

At one stage, prices at the longer end of the market were about £1 higher but closed below their best of the day as a big seller of German bunds turned the market easier.

In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the Long Gilt touched £109½ before closing E13/32 higher at £10331/32 as the number of contracts trad-In longs, Treasury 8 per cent

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Wanted: global spread

excessively positive response to third-quarter results in which the sole surprise was the unexpectedly low level of one-off charges.

Investors had been nervous because of the rotten European summer and the company's rolling restructuring programme. Both fears were valid. Unilever probably lost about £50 million of profits from lower ice cream sales. And although the exceptional charge was restricted to £32 million, this benefit was a matter of timing as much as anything.

The charge often made against Unilever is that, for all its huge size, familiar consumer brands and constant deal-making, it is deeply boring. One reason is the sheer number of its businesses - most of which are immaterial to the overall group. This, and the company's

SHARES of Unilever jumped 71½ pyesterday, or more than 5 per cent. This looks an difficult to get a handle on what's going on

beneath the decks of the supertanker. Some critics believe the breadth of the brand portfolio, which includes the mature tea and margarine businesses, masks a fundamental weakness. Many Unilever brands are national or regional, rather than truly international; it sells frozen food as Birds Eye in the UK, but as Iglo in Germany, Compared with rivals such as Procter & Camble and Nestlé, its top global brands represent a

relatively small proportion of total sales.

The worry is that P&G will soon present much tougher competition in Asia Pacific and other emerging markets where Unilever is strong. The progress of the shares is likely to depend much more on Unilever's success in creating and developing global brands.

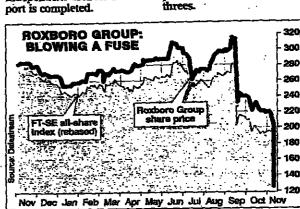
Roxboro

SPARE a thought for Alf Vaisey, who joined Roxboro as finance director in August. His first significant task was to help to handle the next month's interim results announcement, when a warning about demand at its Dialight Electronics Product Group triggered a share price slide. Seven weeks later, he's helping to pen another trading statement and watching the price drop through the floor. Wel-

come aboard. But if Mr Vaisey's feeling a little dazed by recent events, he's not alone. By most valuations, yesterday's share price fall to below 130p is an overreaction, particularly when you bear in mind that the EPG group accounts for about a third of sales. which means that two thirds of revenues are in line with

expectations. Much of it stems, of course, from a rapid loss of confidence in a company that can take the market by surprise twice in such hasty succession. Equally, there are still some questions about the state of the US market which won't be answered in full until the independent consultant's re-

In the meantime, some institutions will have had enough, short-term pressure is likely to be maintained on the shares and the market isn't going to forget in a hurry. As for sentiment, some of the more shellshocked in the City were pointing out yesterday that problems normally come in



Regalian

THE sun is once again up and shining on the London residential property market, after a number of false dawns since the recession.

That, at least, is the picture

conveyed by results from Regalian. Against a background of rising property prices in London - some estimates say prices will have risen by about 10 per cent this year - Regalian's move to raise more funds in the stock market makes sense. Also encouraging are the healthy sales figures, with Regalian reaping the benefits of having tapped into the market of in Hong Kong and

The share price has already had a strong run over the past few months to touch a high this week of 37p. It has outperformed the market by more than 50 per cent on a 12month view, but still stands

at a discount to its net asset value of 42.24p. The big question is the

value of Regalian's stake in the redevelopment scheme around Paddington in centrai London, which at present is put at about £20 million, making up nearly half of the group's asset base. Regalian is confident that a large pot of gold is waiting to be uncov-ered once development of this site gets under way. Others

are less certain. Even so, given Regalian's exposure to the rising London market shares in Regalian continue to look cheap and could be given a further boost if and when the Paddington scheme takes off.

Reliance . Security

IT IS embarrassment enough to have to tell shareholders that profits will fall far short of their expectations: worse still when you, as chairman, hold 73 per cent of the equity and you know that the profit warning may well cost you a

Kingham's disclosure that earnings at Reliance Security will fall short of last year's figure knocked 60p off the company's shares, which closed at 120p. The downturn wiped EIO million from the chairman's own investment

in the business. In fact the shares, which traded at 245p earlier this year, have been falling steadily since the beginning of October, when whispers in the market suggested all was not well.

Mr Kingham's assertion, made in mid-summer, that 'the group's markets are now likely to see sustained growth" was being quesyesterday's disclusure. Reliance says the market for contract security management and manpower services has hit the buffers; the steady stream of short-term manpower security contracts has slowed to a mere trickle. Investors hoping for a prompt recovery of the share price

fortune. In the event, Brian will be disappointed. STATE TO Nov 8 Nov ? midday class

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Row on pension rights

Caroline Merrell looks into a

wrangle between ITN and fund

members over their benefits

TN has launched a High Court challenge to the Pensions Ombudsman over a ruling granting one of its employees guaranteed rises in his pension. If iTN loses, the case could cost it thousands of pounds as about 300 pensioners, including some of the founders of ITN, are disputing the company's decision to cut pensions.

The angry pensioners have been in dispute with the television news company for more than two years over their rights to pension increases.

While the row has been going on some of former ITN employees have died, including Ivor Mills, the newscaster, and Alan Downes, the cameraman most famous for his filming of the Vietnam War.

The pensioners claimed they had been led to believe that their pensions would rise 4 per cent a year. ITN is disputing that the scheme rules dictated that this was the case. The pension cuts followed a period during which ITN stopped contributions, claiming the scheme was overfunded.

An actuary with the scheme admitted to pensioners that this could have saved the

ITN refused to comment on this figure. However, last year ITN's profits were boosted from £9 million to £15 million. helping to value the company at £102.5 million. The Daily Mail and General Trust bought a 20 per cent stake in ITN for about £20 million in April, based on this valuation. The Pensions Ombudsman, who is currently Julian Farrand, has had decisions legally challenged about 20 times — and some have been successful. Last year the office decided to investigate 1,000 complaints, about a quarter of those that were lodged with the office. About a third of those investigated were found in favour of the complainant.

The group of pensioners, headed by Peter Ward, ITN's former chief engineer, and Peter Cole, former deputy managing editor, first took their case to the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service, which referred them to the Pensions Ombudsman. "From the beginning, we have tried not to make this an acrimonious dispute, but we do feel that we have been promised something that IIN subsequently taked to deliver. We are now

pensioners to complain to the ombudsman," Mr Cole said. Mr Cole is on a pension of about £25,000 a year, but

believes many will be on pensions that are much lower than that. Mr Ward said: "The 300 ITN pensioners were incensed when ITN reneged on the promised pension increases after taking a contributions holiday. The trustees have been able to finance their

sioners from pension scheme funds, including briefing an eminent QC, but the pensioners cannot afford to fight their case in the High Court.

"Now ITN and the pension fund trustees are even asking the High Court to order the pensioners to pay the cost of the company's and the trustees' appeal against the om-budsman's findings. I have rarely heard of anything so

The ombudsman found partially in favour of the pensioners, by saying that the 4 per cent guaranteed rises would be applied only to the benefits that accrued before the Octo-

ber 19, 1979. The judgment said: The past trustees and the company were guilty of maladministration causing injustice in the form of disappointment and

complainant by indicating that all pensions in payment would be increased by 4 per cent per annum." ITN disputes even this and is taking the case to the High Court in spite of its failure to get the ombudsman's decision overturned on appeal. It is refusing to comment on the case.

The case echoes one concerning Plessey, the electronics company, which is currently

High Court. In this case. hundreds of pensioners are trying to get their private medical care rights reinstated. They were withdrawn after the company was taken over by GEC in 1989. Among those campaigning for reinstate-ment is Lady Clark, wife of Sir John Clark, Plessey's former chairman, who suffered a stroke last year. The replace-

ment scheme offered was not

Saving towards new era

century looming, ficompanies are taking the opportunity to offer products that mature in the millennium (Caroline Merrell writes).

Among them is the Bristol & West Building Society. As well as giving savers a lump sum to start the next century with, its Millennium Bond exploits the new move towards family values, as it allows up to four people to save together, be they friends or family. The interest rate on the bond for the entire term is 22 per cent gross, which amounts to 7.33 per cent a year - this rate is fixed for the term of the bond.

Savers take the risk that the prevailing interest rate will rise above this which means they could lose out. Many believe that interest rates are set to go up further after last week's 0.25 per cent rise and the Bank of England's call for higher rates.

If money is withdrawn from the bond early, then the interest on the sum is lost. The bond has a minimum investment of £1,000, which can be topped up at any time during the life of the bond, provided the society has

enough funds available. All those named on the account must agree for money to be withdrawn, Comparable products could include Tax Exempt Special Savings Accounts (Tessas), although an account opened now would mature after the end of the century. Rates on some Tessas will move up with interest rates, and interest is tax-free.

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Fixed rates are set to move

B orrowers who want fixed-rate loans should move fast before more enders copy the Cheltenham & Gloucester and the Northern Rock in pushing rates up in response to last week's base-rate rise, mortgage advisers said this week.

C&G, now the mortgage arm of Lloyds Bank, has withdrawn its range of fixed-rate loans and replaced them with others costing between 0.3 and 0.5 percentage points more. Northern Rock has also withdrawn its rates, replacing them with loans which are up to 0.4 per cent higher.

Other lenders are certain to follow suit either before Christmas or in the new year. C&G now has a two-year fixed-rate of 6.99 per cent, up from 6.59 per cent, and a five-

year fixed-rate of 8.29 per cent, kets for fixed rates, which they up from 7.99 per cent. But both are still good deals, advisers believe, because they carry so carry redemption penalties or lock ins after the end of the fixed-rate term. A. cheaper two-year fixed-rate of 5.49 per cent and a five-year fix of 7.59 per cent carry a penalty of six months' gross interest levied on borrowers who do not stay with the C&G for five years on the two-year

fix and six years on the five.
So far, these two societies are the only leading lenders to have raised its fixed rates. Other lenders are likely to announce similar rises when they have used up their exist-ing tranches of fixed-rate funds. Last week's rate rise means they will have to pay a higher price on money mar-

will hand on to their customers. But they are unlikely to scrap existing offers before the money runs out, as they have done in the past after a baserate rise. The money markets had allowed for the 0.25 per cent rise and priced funds

S o far, only the Birmingham Midshires has increased its variable rate from 6.99 per cent to 7.24 per cent. Others fear of choking off the struggling housing market recovery. But further base-rate rises will force them to move. This and the political uncertainty of a general election make a fixedrate loan tempting.

But Patrick Bunton of

London & Country, the inde-

pendent mortgage adviser, says borrowers should understand what they are eetting into. He says: "Deals to avoid include those where there is a two-year fixed-rate and you are actually locked in for five or six years. You are locking yourself into the lender's variable rate after the end of the fixed-rate term."

Delays in processing mortgage applications, exposed in Weekend Money, could also mean that borrowers miss out on some of the benefit of the fixed rate if the deal has a set end date. Mr Bunton says: "You need to watch for deals with a set fixed period. It is better to take a loan where the fixed rate starts from the completion date."

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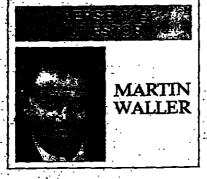
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Keeping Northern lights on

have some relatives who run a farm on one of the less bleak North Wales I mountains. When their local electricity company, Manweb, was bid for last year, we City sophisticates started looking at prospective dividend yields and all the rest. My relatives were interested too, but they wanted to know whether their lights would stay on.

There is an astonishing and en-trenched local loyalty to the old CEGB boards and their successors, the regional electricity companies or Recs, especially in rural areas, because in times of had weather they keep the home warm. the lights burning and farmers' stock alive. When the powerlines are down, it is the man from the local board in his distinctive van who makes the difficult trek through snow-choked roads and into the mountains. This is something urban dwellers who can hardly remember the last time the power went out may find hard to understand.

There are only five of the original 12-Russ in England and Wales still independent. Of the seven taken over, four went to American companies no one had ever heard of before. Over the past fortnight two of the survivors have anracted takeover attention from yet more unknown Americans. Northern is fighting a £759 million offer from CalEnergy of Nebraska, a state hitherto known to many Britons only as the title of a rather depressing Bruce Springsteen album. East Midlands is heing eyed up by something called; Dominion Resources of Virginia Early last year Northern was fighting another unwanted bid, from Trafalgar



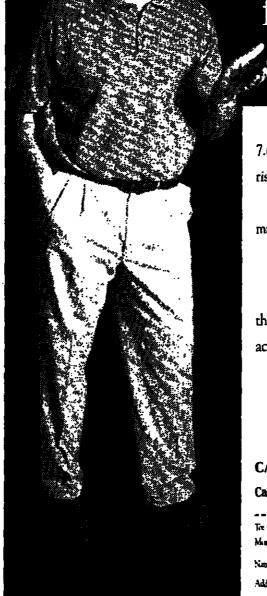
House, the engineer. In most takeovers, the interests of the company's customers and of its shareholders are quite different. The latter decide whether to take the boodle, the former make out as they can. But at a special meeting called to allow Trafalgar's bid to go ahead, small shareholders voted three to one to oppose it, saying overwhelmingly they would rather not have Trafalgar's Ell

for some shares they had paid 240p for. Northern has 104,000 private shareholders with 22 per cent of the company, nearly all local and reliant on it for electricity. After the Trafalgar bid was abandoned, the company turned out to be rather less well off than had been thought, and was bought by a Norwe-gian concern for just three quarters the price offered for Northern. Many people wondered, with the benefit of hindsight, how long the lights would have burnt on Tyneside had Trafalgar succeeded. Much of CalEnergy's £900 million debt is of the "junk bond" variety, less

safe than proper bank borrowings and used to build power stations around the world. The debt is non-recourse, which means it does not come back to haunt the company in Nebraska. CalEnergy assures us that Northern under its ownership will be "ring-fenced", operated as a financially independent entity. There is still concern that, if times are hard in Nebraska, money will make its way there from Northern, at the expense of investment on the wires on Tyneside.

There is a groundswell of opinion that says the Northern bid, and any for East Midlands that emerges, should be referred by the Government to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. This would put the situation on hold for a few months at least, and prevent immediate - political embarrassment. The Americans might even lose interest.

Those private shareholders will be equally supportive of their local company this time. City institutions, naturally, who do not rely on Northern for their electricity, supported Trafalgar and will likewise accept a CalEnergy bid. But the matter might be settled by Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, who has the final decision on an MMC reference. CalEnergy has already bought 30 per cent of Northern in the stock market. This could turn out to be an expensive mistake, because the Northern share price now suggests that the bid will be referred. In which case the shares would plunge further - and those small shareholders who are also customers would raise a cheer.



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What a difference a day makes

Hove, will be deprived of her £1,000-worth of free shares in the Alliance & Leicester flotation because she unwittingly allowed her account to fall below the crucial £100 on October 14.

To the dismay of many like Miss Beer, this allimportant qualifying date was announced retrospectively. Although the society had emphasised that accounts needed to be replenished 56 days before the special general meeting to approve the society's conversion plans, this date was also a well kept secret.

Miss Beer, an English teacher, opened her account in September 1995 on her return from working abroad. The balance had never fallen below £100 until that day.

She said: "On the morning of October II. I had £347.36 in the account and at midday I withdrew my rent, leaving a balance of £87.36, just EI264 short of the amount required. On calling the Alliance & Leicester hotline to



check whether I was still eligible for shares, since I did have funds well over £100 up to and on October 14. I was told that unfortunately I was not eligible since I required £100 at midnight on that date and that 'it was like the lottery' and unfortunately I

had lost out. As a result of the society's decision to make October 14 the qualifying date. Miss Beer now stands to receive only the statutory cash bonus of 11 per cent of her balance — £9.61. The A&L said: "We are sorry to disap-

point a member but we have made it clear since we announced our conversion in February that savers needed to keep their accounts at the £100 level to qualify for free shares. We were not permitted to announce the October

Anne Ashworth, Sara McConnell and Caroline Merrell continue the campaign for fairer deals over society flotations

Societies shamed

here is increasing pres-sure to force building societies to recognise the rights of their disabled savers who stand to lose out in the New Year's lucrative building society flotations. In the latest move in the increasingly acrimonious dispute, Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treas-ury, the minister responsible for building societies, this week attacked the indust-

ry for "hiding behind the law". In a scandal first revealed by The Times, vulnerable handicapped people whose financial affairs are handled by re-lations or carers will not receive bonuses because they are the second named holder of a building society account. Building society rules permit cash or share windfalls to be given only to the first named.

Further complications arise when carers or relations have their own accounts with the same society. The proposed bonuses from the Halifax and the Alliance & Leicester are member based. As each member only has the right to one vote, he or she only has the right to one bonus. Carers whether to take the bonus on

therefore have to choose their own accounts or those of

ies to use the power in the Act. The call for action was existing Act to make sure that underlying beneficiaries were not disadvantaged in cash and share distributions. Meanwhile, Torn Clarke, Labour Party spokesman for the disabled, this week demanded

action from ministers to outlaw potential discrimination against disabled people excluded from building society bonus payouts. In Parliamentary questions to

Exchequer and to Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security. Mr Clarke asked what would be done to make sure disabled people were not disadvantaged.

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He also sought assurances that disabled building society savers would be protected under the Disability Discrimination Act, which becomes law next month. Alistair Burt, Minister for Social Security and Disabled People has already suggested in a letter to Mr Clarke that some building society payout schemes could fall foul of the forthcoming

given added urgency after the Alliance & Leicester's announcement last week that members would be asked to vote to approve the society's conversion to a bank on December 10. The A&L says it

has no plans to change the structure of its proposed bonus scheme to allow disabled people to reouts expected to aver-Members of

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approve their society's conversion at a special meeting in February. This would not have arisen in the Cheltenham & Gloucester payout where bonuses were based on the number of accounts

Disabled people cannot risk changing accounts carrying the names of hostel or hospital staff who have moved on, because this would break their continuity of membership. Tom Clarke says: "This is a

very worrying situation. Disabled people who have investnumber of years in good faith could lose out through no fault of their own. I am disappointed that both the A&L and the Halifax appear to be ready to ignore the interests of many of their disabled customers. With the timetables for the flotato find a solution is becoming

ever more urgent". Building societies deny they are discriminating against disabled people. The A&L says that the first named member rule excludes other grows, including children, from bo-nuses. Trustees, carers or other first named members have a duty to pass on any bonuses to the disabled member, the society says. It also claims that there is nothing to stop a disabled person being the first named on the account with the carer as second named, al-though it conceded that savers would have to ask specifically

for this arrangement. But it is up to building societies themselves to decide how to structure bonuses. Under the Building Societies Act, which governs the conversion process, the only payment societies have to make is the statutory cash bonus to savers with no vote. If they pay bonuses, these must be paid to the first named on the account.

Flexible loans point way for mortgages

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LEGAL & GENERAL has brought out a simple, fleruble mortgage that could become the blueprint for home loans in the future — and might do so, if building societies stop behaving like kamikaze pilots in their battle for new business and stand still long enough to watch what the opposition is doing.

The loan is a straightforward, variable-rate mortgage with the rate set at a competitive 6.23%, and a guarantee that it will never be more than 1.5 points above bunk base rate. The loan is set up on an interest-only basis, and any of the usual assings wehicles such as endowments, Peps or pension, may be used to pay it off.

So far, no different though it is pleasing to see that the loan has absolutely no strings in the shape of requirements to take Legal & General's own instrance policies or Peps, nor any early-redemption penalties. However, what makes the loan different is the flexibility oftened over repayments of capital. Borrowers can pay off lump sams at any time without penalty, or pay extra sams each month at any time (subject to a minimum of £50). An immediate adjustment will be made to the interest owing on the reduced debt. Further, the extra amounts repaid in this way can be placed into an "available reserve" which can then be borrowed back by the homebuyer at any time, for any purpose.

mortgage. The only fimilation is that the loan must remain at a minimum E50,000, otherwise there would be Miras complications.

Such a scheme has two clear advantages. Many mortgage advisers say that borrowers are aill reductant to take on shorter-term mortgages because they are unsure at the outset how they will be able to manage with the new loan, especially when they have the additional costs of furnishing a new property.

Article written by Diana Wright.

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Free-shares row deepens



Patrick Mountain has set up an action group to try to get the society to change its mind

the Alliance & Leicester Building Society has decided to give the majority of its members 250 shares, regardless of the amount they have saved, in the interests of equality or, perhaps, expediency — the A&L will be the first to the market. Other mem bers, including "carpetbag-gers" who opened an account after the end of last year, will benefit from a cash payout.

The decision has antagonised a small but vociferous collection of members who have large amounts saved with the society. One, Patrick Mountain, a retired former A&L agent, has set up an action group to try to get the society to change its mind

about the share distribution. He feels he was misadvised about his savings at the beginning of the year, just after the posed conversion. Mr Moun tain has close to £150.000 invested with the society. At the beginning of this year, he was told categorically that he could jeopardise his bonus by switching funds. At this time, the society also reduced its interest rates. Mr Mountain said: "I wanted to transfer the money to a high income bond which paid a higher rate of interest. I have lost thousands because of what the Alliance & Leicester has done. He said he has had dozens of calls from other aggreived members of the society.

They are unhappy about the cash bonus, which is to be distributed to those who joined the society after December 31, 1995, or those who failed to top their accounts up to £100 on October 14. The cash bonus is expected to be about 11 per cent.

of the qualifying balance.

The A&L said: "We acknowledge that some of our members may wish we had chosen a different route, but to do so would have disadvan taged the majority of

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Knight proves a champion of the people

verybody needs somebody sometime. Savers whose interests are often forgotten are no exception. They have now found an ally in Angela Knight MP, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Although responsible for building societies, Mrs Knight seems determined not to be conciliatory to her bumptious

This week she has shown herself admirably unwilling to bend to demands from societies that would have put savers at a disadvantage.

For example, she has decided not to tighten up the "twoear rule" which is designed to prevent those investors of less than two years' standing from receiving a conversion or merger cash borns. Some societies are anxious to see this easy-to-breach rule made unassailable to prevent speculators from storming their doors in the hope of a swift profit.

The pragmatic Mrs Knight, however, is obviously of the view that opening an account in the hope of a windfall is hardly a crime. This means that those societies becoming hanks can continue to offer shares to newcomers in place of cash.

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She has also rejected another customer-unfriendly ordinance put forward by a number of societies. The amended Building Societies Bill proposes to make every new account a share account, with voting rights. With a vote comes the valuable entitlement to a bonus. Some societies had asked for powers to replace share accounts with non-voting deposit accounts if they were besieged by



COMMENT

ANNE ASHWORTH Personal Finance Editor

Mrs Knight believes that societies already have enough ways to protect themselves from the opportunist hordes, without disenfranchising investors. Building societies may deplore the publication of takeover and conversion umours and the ensuing inflow of funds. But their own behaviour ensures that these reports will continue. Every society now becoming a bank or the subsidiary of a bank has previously hand on heart pledged its commitment to mutuality. As a result, denials carry little conviction.

For one group of vulnerable savers, Mrs Knight has already proved a much-needed champion. Through a technicality, thousands of disabled people are being excluded from next year's flotabled people are being excluded from next year's flotabled people are being excluded from next year's flotabled people are being excluded from next year's flotable from behind the large. law". They should now emerge from behind this defence and use the law to find ways to give these most deserving of customers their rightful due. Or risk the displeasure of the Economic Secretary.

Ray of hope

NANCY MITFORD believed that "abroad was unutter-

Today's holidaymaker is as likely to encounter rogues before he takes his seat on the Gatwick Express. They will have been lurking at his travel agency, offering him a discount on his trip, provided that he bought an expensive and inadequate travel insurance policy. Amid the chat on July sunshine hours in the Algarve, there was, of course, no mention that the cui price deal was funded by the 40 per cent commission earned

Finally, however, these cosy arrangements are to be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The body's aim should be to ensure that consumers are sold suitable holiday cover, obliging agents and operators to make explicit the policy's exclusion clauses and disclose

Tourists should also be reassured that the courts are demanding higher standards from credit card companies, another business that prospers greatly from the travel trade. Card companies have always denied that their customers enjoyed the protection of the Consumer Credit Act when they ventured overseas. Now, however, the Court of Appeal has ruled that a couple who were the victims of a foreign timeshare failure can sue for compensation (see page 35).

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concept of family values. A report commis-

sioned by Care found that tax for married

couples, as a percentage of income, had risen

250 per cent, whereas tax for single people had

only increased 23 per cent over the past 30 years. The report — The Taxation of Married

Couples - was written by Leonard Beighton

It also found that since 1990, the value of tax

allowances has been reduced by £9 for married

couples where one person was earning a wage.

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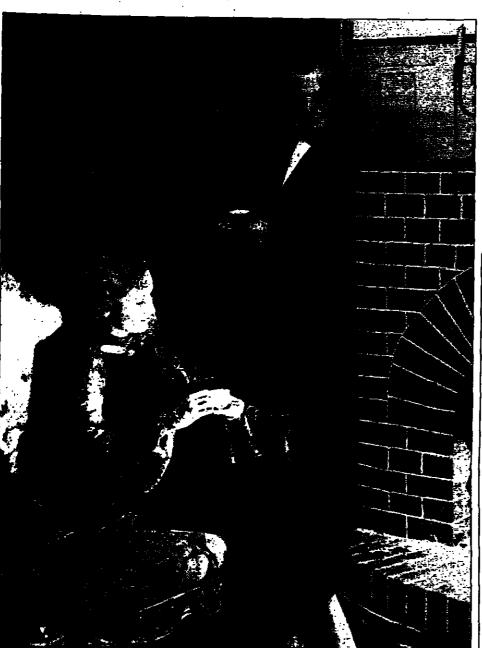
increased by £152 for a single person. The report

also pointed out that couples with children

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It believes that the Government should back its

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marry and remain married. The campaign is being spearheaded by Michael Alison, the

Conservative MP for Selby. Mr Alison and

Care want Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to

increase the married couples' allowance sub-

stantially from its current level of £1,790 in the

Budget.
Mr Alison said: "If he does not increase it

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Adam Jones on the increasing interest in traded endowments

Teps aim to be tops in the used market

nvestors looking for en-dowment policies on the second-hand market are tives to buying through a market-maker or at auction. Barclays Global Investors is

launching a new offshore fund investing in traded endow-ment policies (Teps), buying policies issued by a range of life insurers. Kleinwort Benson is also planning another UK-based fund which could try to undercut its rival through cheaper management charges.

The investment houses are keen to capitalise on the increased interest in Teps, fu-elled in part by speculation about mergers, takeovers and demunualisation in the insurance industry.

These industry changes, such as Norwich Union's proposed move to pic status, can be a catalyst for windfall payments—a handy boost for the performance of funds which hold eligible policies (but perhaps also a distraction from the underlying performance of the life office's investment managers, which is far more important). first to set up a Tep investment trust in 1992. The share price of the Kleinwort Endowment Policy Trust has risen from 100p to about 162p, narrowly underperforming the FT-SE All-Share index since its inception. This represents a premium of about 8.6 per cent to net asset value. The trust is due to be wound up in 2003. Kleinwort's Second Endow-

ment Policy Trust, launched in 1993, attracted more private investors than its predecessor. It has performed better, too. with the share price rising from 100p to about 1412p, appreciably better than the FT-SE All-Share. Again, it is trading at a premium - about 10.3 per cent. The trust is due to be wound up in 2006.

A third fund is still at the planning stage with its new investment trust. It may be set up as an extension to the second fund, saving on initial costs. It is likely to run for about 12 years.

Stephen Westwood, a director of the two existing trusts, said: "We're looking to launch towards the end of this year." Mr Westwood says it would

Shareout: Phil Collins had no trouble with second-hand funds in the hit film Buster

not be specifically targeting life offices likely to convert — the strategy of the investment trust set up by Scottish Value Management (dubbed Loot, for Life Offices Opportunities

He says the Tep market offers real assets for long-term growth, with the opportunity of buying them at a discount. Investors are also attracted by the smoothing techniques emplayed by with-profit fund managers, which even out the effect of good and bad years to provide a steadier perfor-

The rival, Jersey-based fund-being launched by Barclays-Global Investors, the new name for the asset manage-

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nittee on Social Security will

hear representations from ex-

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sioners round the world in 137

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325,000 pensioners living in 37

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pensions which are increased in the same way as pensions

Nearly half a million pen-

is gathering momentum. Next month the Select Comment arm of Bardays, which previousy went under the BZW banner, will be wound up in 2009. All the assets will be shared out through five special capital payments dur-

minimise capital gains tax. Shares will be sold on a partly paid basis, with investors paying half initially and half nine months later. The reason for these split payments is that it takes time to

ing the last five years of the trust's life. The aim is to

build up a suitable portfolio. The aim is to raise £20 million and the projected starting yield based on this figure is likely to be a little more than 11

Battle on pensions front

They highlight the case of an RAF mobile radio opera-

tor, who took part in the

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and Holland. His UK pen-

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would now be worth 53 per cent more had he not moved

ada who helped to build Lancaster bombers during the

Second World War - they

live on British pensions frozen

at £59 per week since 1987. The British Expatriate Pen-

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n the eve of Remembrance Sunday, a paigning on behalf of the
campaign to help pensioners point out that this
pay uprated pensions. The
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1.3 per cent. There will also be additional charges of 2 per cent at the start.

The first BZW Tep trust was launched in 1993. It had a 12year lifespan and is designed to pay out between 2001 and 2005. Since launch, the share price has risen from 100p to about 142p, better than the FT-

Like the Kleinwort funds, it is trading at a premium. But these favourable ratings signal a possible problem for existing Tep fund investors. With two new issues, demand for the existing trusts may be

As a result, it may be a good per cent, after annual manage time to sell, says Graham ment costs, which will run at Hooper of Chase de Vere.

that uprating the pensions would cost only around £235

million, which compares with

a total social security bill of

£30 billion. The campaigners

say: "BEPs by definition are

saving the Government the

cost of healthcare and social costs related to the elderly.

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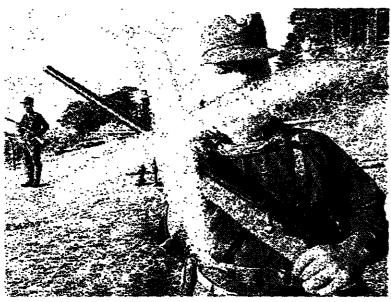
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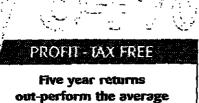


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Take a gamble on the pound

oaning that the pound does not go as far as it used to . overseas — in spite of recent sterling strength - is a ritual for many after an expensive holiday. Few realise that within this annual inconvenience lie investment opportunities. True, trying to anticipate currency movements is risky even for hardened currency speculators.

But that does not stop the mind playing the investment equivalent of Fantasy Football. What if a dollar bank account had been opened in 1939, leaving me perfectly placed to clean up on its subsequent tripling in value against the pound?

Maurice Jay, a London reader of The Times, first visited Switzerland in the early 1950s. He has since witnessed one of sterling's biggest exchange rate slides from 12 Swiss francs to the pound on his maiden trip to just two last week, a 600 per cent fall. Mr Jay wonders whether it

would make sense to open a Swiss likely to pay charges every time you trane account now. Apart from repmake a deposit or withdrawal. franc account now. Apart from repeating the warning that past performance does not guarantee future re-wards, it is worth looking at the ways UK residents can open foreign currency accounts.

You do not have to approach a foreign bank to open an account in another currency; UK banks will do the job. You can choose an interestbearing option. Chequebooks, overdrafts and even loans are available in the chosen currency, too, although borrowing is very dangerous as you are raising your vulnerability to ex-

change rate changes through gearing (betting with money you don't have).

NatWest, for instance, is paying a top fixed rate of 5.125 per cent on 12month dollar deposits of \$100,000 or more. The rates for marks vary from 0.125 to 2.5 per cent, reflecting the lower interest rates in Germany. Unlike sterling current accounts, you are

Investors can also get exposure through offshore cash deposit funds. Rothschild Asset Management, for instance, has a big operation based in Guernsey, managing the equivalent of £700 million of non-sterling currency under the Five Arrows brand.

n its basic deposit fund, custom ers have the option of holding one of 18 currencies, soon to be expanded to 21. The currency of your choice is then invested in bank deposits with a triple-A credit rating. Interest can be paid out or reinvested for greater capital growth and potential ax-deferral advantages. An annual 0.5 per cent management fee is deducted before interest is calculated.

Those unfamiliar with offshore investment must note that these funds will not be regulated by the Financial Services Act 1986 or the Investors

cannot be overstated. One final innovation open to people holding life assurance and critical illness policies is worth mentioning. If you go through an offshore-based insurer, it is possible to pay your premium in sterling but nominate the sum assured in another currency. Scottish Amicable European, the insurer's

Dublin arm, runs such a scheme. But Clive Scott-Hopkins, of Towry Law, the financial adviser, gave warning that if exchange rates move unfavourably, you or your relatives may end up with much less than you thought. If you had taken out the life assurance policy to cover a known inheritance tax bill of £100,000, for instance, it could pay out much less, leaving a shortfall. He emphasised that currency speculation is not for the average person: "You can get it so wrong."

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Sara McConnell on paying by card abroad after a court ruling on timeshare

How credit rights travel

Appeal ruled that Trevor and Elizabeth Jarrett, a couple who had been victims of a Portuguese timeshare failure, could seek compensation in the UK courts from Barclaycard and Royal Bank of Scotland, which had lent them the money to buy the timeshare. So where does the court ruling leave you when you

What happens in the UK if there are

buy goods abroad on credit? We give the answers.

A If you pay for goods or services on credit, either by credit card or with a credit agreement, you are covered by the Consumer Credit Act 1974. Under this, credit providers are jointly liable with suppliers to compensate you if things go wrong and, for any reason, you do not get what you paid for. You can claim for goods broken in transit or goods that were misrepresented to you, for example. In practice, if a supplier collapses, you will be way down the list of creditors. Paying by credit card is an important safe-guard against financial loss.

Then how much am I allowed to claim?

You can claim sums A from £100 to £30,000.

What is different What is amercia about using credit cards abroad? Can I not claim as in the UK?

It depends who you talk A It depends who you man to. The Director-General of Fair Trading thinks you should be able to. However, the banks have long argued that they have no liability for overseas transactions. The Consumer Credit Act is

year banks voluntarily agreed with the Office of Fair Trading that 'they would meet claims dating from after May 15, 1995. As part of this agreement, you can claim between £100 and £15,000, but you can only claim the credit element of a transaction. So, if you pay a deposit with your card and pay the rest by cheque, you can claim back only the amount of the deposit.

The agreement is to be re viewed at the end of next month, but the Department of Trade and Industry says it has no plan to change the law.

So is this why the Jarretts had to sue Barclaycard and Royal Bank?

A Yes. Both banks argue that they have no liability for overseas transactions before May 1995. As the Jarretts bought their timeshare in 1990, they will have to fight for compensation. However, the Court of Appeal case was more complicated than that, with implications for thousands of timeshare victims.

In what way was it more complicated?

A Royal Bank tried to argue that timeshare purchases were tenancy agreements, not credit agreements. This would have meant that, under the Brussels convention, the claim would have had to be dealt with in the courts of the host country, in this case Portugal. Apart from the difficulties of language and using a different legal system, claim-ing against a collapsed Port-uguese timeshare developer would almost certainly have achieved nothing. Royal Bank's argument was initially accepted by the lower



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courts in the UK, which decided that they had no jurisdiction, but the appeal court overturned that decision.

So, will thousands of people who have lost money in timeshares be

A Possibly. The Jarretts' solicitors think that this will be so. However, unless victims' transactions took place after May 1995, they will have to fight credit providers in the UK courts.

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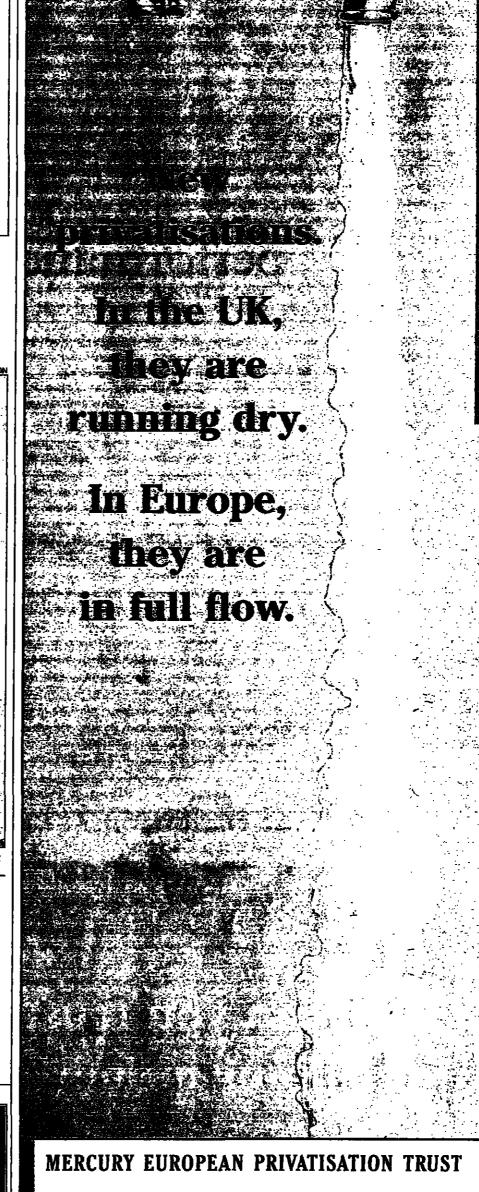
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Matthew Wall on the repercussions of the merger with MCI

Sector ringing over BT

Pritish Telecom's proposed £13 billion merger with MCI, the US telecoms group, has set the whole sector alight this week,

BT investors are in for a £2.3 billion windfall dividend next year, worth 35p a share, if the deal goes through and analysts have been upgrading their share price forecasts as a result. The combined company. Concert, would become the fourth-largest telecoms company in the world by sales.

Regulatory uncertainty surrounds the BT/MCI deal, however. AT&T is complaining to both US and UK regulators that the deal would give an unfair advantage to BT, arguing that the UK market is still not as open to competition as the US market, despite more than a decade of privatisation and liber-alisation. BT still has about 90 per cent share of the UK telephony market.

Although such regulatory uncertainty muddles the waters for investors, John Karidis, telecoms analyst at James Capel, still believes BT is a firm buy. He says: 'Although the share price has risen this week, it still does not fully take into account the 35p special dividend or the potential for enhanced earnings."

ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, says the MCI deal should increase earnings growth from 5 per cent a year to at least 10 per cent. BT has already said that it should be able to increase its deal, compared with 5.6 per cent in recent

SECTOR IN FOCUS

years. A proposed share buyback of up to 10 per cent of its shares once the deal has one through is also designed to keep shareholders sweet.

Meanwhile the market has been rife with takeover speculation as the City expects defensive counter-measures from BT's rivals. For example, AT&T of the US, the second largest telecoms company in the world, has been tipped as a potential predator for Vodafone, the UK's . largest mobile phone operator valued at £7.5 billion.

Vodasone may have stakes in other European telecoms companies such as E-Plus of Germany and SFR of France, but it still lacks a big international partner. And it is the only company in the UK telecoms sector not to have announced a deal recently. Analysts reckon it is worth

Overall, the telecoms sector has

underperformed the FT-SE All-share index by a hefty 12 per cent over the last year. And a month ago, before takeover fever gripped the sector, pushing share prices up, the year-on-year figure was a massive 21 per cent.

Companies are facing downward pres-sure on profit margins as newcomers such as Orange, the mobile phone operator, inject more competition. And cable companies are merging to cut costs in the face of BT's seemingly impregnable monopoly in the domestic telephone

The sector is also pretty volatile. Orange made a spectacular start, its share price reaching 253p in June, but it then collapsed to 174p in August, recover-

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US West, the US telecoms company, reached a high of 188.5p in May only to fall back to 118p in October. It is now hovering around the 134p mark.

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Mercury, owned by Cable and Wireless, and three cable companies. Nynex CableComms. Bell Cablemedia and Videotron, are merging to form Cable & Wireless Communications, the largest cable company in the UK with six million homes in its monopoly franchise area. It will be listed on the London and New York Stock Exchanges next year and analysts are at odds over its prospects.

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Bond may be a security risk

bonds — but should they? Many of the leading building societies and banks have begun to offer equity bonds that appear to give great returns. Are they a

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Some of these bonds will offer investors guaranteed or partially guaranteed returns, and a return of capital, while others have a return linked to investment performance.

Thousands of investors have billions of pounds invested in equity bonds, attracted by the promise of the guarantee, or by the promise of high ostensioly tax-free income.

The Personal Investment Authority, the retail regulator. is currently reviewing the marketing of these products, because it is concerned that some investors do not understand the nature of the guarantee. A PIA spokesman said: We have to ensure that investors understand exactly what they are buying."

These products do not offer the same degree of security as investing in building society savings accounts, although many are sold by societies.

Although you will usually get your initial capital investment back if the stock market falls, you risk losing the interest you could have earned if you had left your money in a normal interest-paying depos-

The tax treatment of equity bonds will also vary, depend-ing on how the bonds themselves are underwritten. Many are offered by life insurance companies via the bank or building society branches, which means they come under the rules for life insurance taxation. For example, Nationwide Building Society offers the Guaranteed Equity Bond. This fund, which has a

minimum investment of £2.000, will give returns linked to the performance of the FT-SE 100 index over five years or more. If the index

falls, the society will return the original capital.

Investors in the bond will not be liable for lower or basic rate income tax on the plan, nor will they be liable for capital gains tax when the plan is cashed in. This is because the fund itself has already been taxed. Higherrate taxpayers could find that they are liable for tax on the bond when it is cashed in.

In effect, higher-rate taxpay-ers are deferring their tax liability. This could be advantageous for an investor who changes from being a higherrate taxpayer to a lower-rate taxpayer during the life of the bond. Bonds which come under life insurance taxation rules in this way have fallen out of favour with many financial advisers.

The cut in tax on building society deposits for basic rate taxpayers to 20 per cent has decreased the attractiveness of bonds. Many advisers favour personal equity plans (Peps) which can offer high levels of tax-free income and tax-free capital growth.

The Halifax offers an investment bond via Halifax Life, which does not offer any guarantees, but which does give the investor a choice of investment strategy linked to risk.

The bond, which has been available for only a few months, has already attracted a few hundred million from Halifax customers. It has a £2,500 minimum investment and no maximum. It is possible to invest further amounts, subject to a mini-mum of £1,000.

There is no time limit for the investment, but the society advises that the money should be invested for at least five years to ensure the maximum returns. It is possible to make withdrawals from the bond every three, four, six or twelve months, subject to a £50



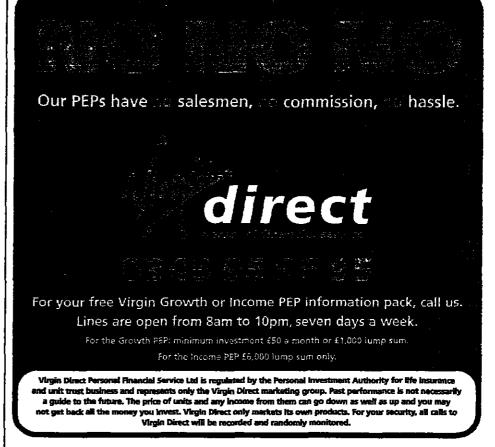
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returned at the end of the fiveyear term, if the index falls, Any income withdrawn will be subject to tax in the normal way. However, unlike the insurance bond, the fund itself





Complex charging hits pension-seekers

ference between the dearest and cheapest group personal pensions, ac-cording to a survey published ing are complicated and hard to understand, making it almost impossible to shop around for the cheapest plan. says Pensions World, author of the survey.

Pension providers that do not charge commission, such as Equitable Life and Profes-sional Life, were the cheapest out of the survey of 37 large pension providers. High-chargers include Britannia Life and the Prodential.

The study assumed that a man aged 40 contributed £100 a month and retired at 65, and assumed a 9 per cent growth rate. Group personal pensions

are taken out by a group of employees with the same life company, after the employer has introduced them to a financial adviser. The employees, and sometimes the employer, make contributions to the plan, which an employee can take with him or her in the event of changing job.

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Group personal pensions are traditionally associated with smaller companies employing, typically, fewer than 100 people. Pension providers are, though, increasingly tar-geting larger companies as more and more permanent staff move to short-term contracts, making pension porta-

bility more attractive. There is, however, concern that employees are not given enough advice when faced with a large number of funds carrying varying degrees of risk.

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Helen Pridham sets out alternatives for peace of mind in old age

Home-in on care costs

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since the Government issued a consultation paper on the cost of long-term care but it has yet to reveal how it intends to help people to pay

Plans to introduce "partner-ship schemes" are said to have been put back because of technical difficulties. In the meantime, another consultation document is to be issued, setting out how the Government intends to regulate the sale of long-term care plans to protect the public from unscrupulous salesmen.

More pensioners are now buying these plans, but lan McNeill, business development adviser to Help the Aged, says: "Having paid National Insurance contributions for maybe 35 or 40 years, retired people feel they have already paid for the cost of this care."

The Government requires

anyone with assets and investments worth more than £16,000 to cover their own costs. Partial help is available if vou have between £10,000 and £16,000. Only those with less than £10,000 get assistance from their local authority.

For most elderly people their main asset is their property and about 40,000 homes are being sold each year to pay for nursing home costs. The thought of losing their home is one of their greatest concerns. With fees averaging about £17,000 per year, few can meet the cost easily. There are a number of ways of mitigating potential care bills. But they are not cheap, so do take specialist independent advice.

Pre-funded plans

Insurance can be taken out in advance that will pay benefits towards the cost of your care should you need it either in a nursing home or your own home. Benefits become payable when you become incapable of various activities of daily living which include basic functions such as the ability to

wash, dress and feed yourself. The benefits, which are taxfree, will normally continue for as long as care is required. though cheaper policies are available with limited payment periods of, say, two or three years. Premiums can be

paid regularly until care, if any, is required or in the form of one-off lump sum which will cover any future need.

At PPP Lifetime, the most popular option is the single premium payment. Under both regular and single premium plans, premiums may be reviewable after, say, ten years. Other companies offering prefunded plans include Bupa, Commercial Union, Prime Health and Hambro

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These plans, which combine investment with insurance, are designed to appeal to people who are reluctant to pay premiums for something they may never need to claim. A lump sum is paid into an investment fund from which the insurer deducts monthly premiums to cover a care plan.

agreed benefits are initially drawn from the fund and when that is depleted, the insurance policy covers fur-ther costs. Should your financial circumstances change and you need the money in the fund, there will be a cash-in value available. If you die without having needed care

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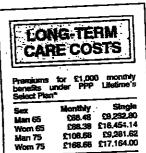
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Those families who have not insured for care in advance may want to consider buying an annuity that will make payments for as long as care is required. Special "impared life annuities" are available that can enhance significantly income for those suffering from illnesses likely to reduce their. life expectancy. Unfairly, payments from these schemes are

not entirely tax-free. Providers include Commercial Union. Eagle Star and PPP Lifetime.

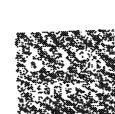
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than two years or you can save only up to £20 a month, your only port of call is the building society. Of those big providers who do have a regular savings plan, Bradford & Bingley tops the table. Its Monthly Saver pays 6.5 per cent gross per annum. But you have to save the same amount - between £10 and £100 for three years - each month. And you get the full interest only if 12 consecutive payments are made in the year.

The only other large institutions that come near to the B&B rate are Bristol & West (tiered from 5.2 to 5.6 per cent), Coventry (4.5 per cent) and Nationwide (2.55 per cent with a 3.25 per cent bonus if no withdrawals are made in a year).

"If you are a small saver with no means of opening an account with a lump sum, a regular savings account is a good vehicle," says Christine Bayliss, investment editor of Money-Facts. Several smaller building societies do offer monthly savings accounts - the Scarborough's Keepsafe bond pays 6.5 per cent - but most are limited to locals.

If you can save for five years but do not want to take a risk consider a Tessa since the interest is tax-free. Co-operative (currently paying 6.25 per cent). First Direct (6.75 per cent) and Midland (6.5 per cent) allow you to invest a minimum £10 a month and the TSB (6.25 per cent) £20 a month. If you are are not complicated by com- will be lower than the apparlooking at five years or more, you can move into equities through unit or investment

With both unit and investment trusts, it makes sense to put them in a Pep if you are a taxpayer and have not used your allowance elsewhere. Minimum monthly invest-ments can be as low as £20, though most start at £40 or £50. The average regular saving per month, however, is currently £93 in an investment trust and £95 in a unit trust.

Mark Bolland, of Chamberlain De Broe, independent financial advisers, favours investment trusts because they

mission and should be cheaper to run. He recommends Baillie Gifford, Edinburgh, Foreign & Colonial and Henderson Touche Remnant.

For unit trusts Yvonne Rose, of Diane Saunders, the independent financial advisers, suggests the Jupiter and Perpetual income funds or the Pembroke growth fund.

Providers make much of what they call "pound cost averaging" — the averaging effect of putting the same pound into units or shares each month. If the price of units falls, the pound buys more units, so the average cost

ent average price. So your monthly payments should smooth over any peaks and troughs in the price of units or shares.

"It's a mathematical quirk that does help spread exposure to markets," says Mr Bolland. "However it's not so wonderful that I would ever advise someone who can invest a lump sum to pay monthly instead."

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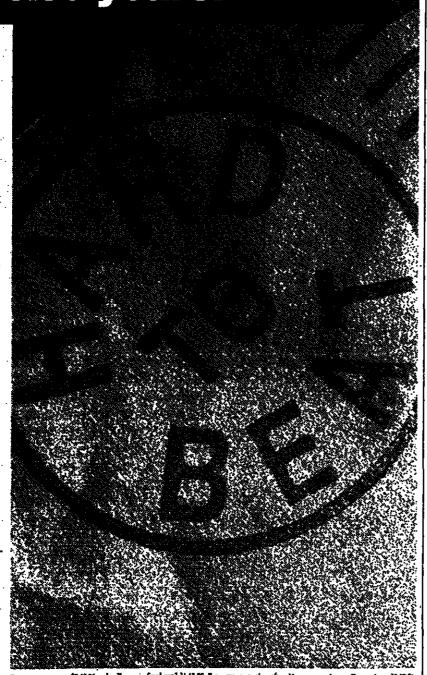
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Far from guaranteed

Sara McConnell reports on the thousands unwittingly signing up to meet unlimited liabilities

housands of people guaranteeing loans for relatives or friends are unwittingly signing up to open-ended commitments to meet unlimited liabilities, it

emerged this week. Nearly half the 770,000 debt problems handled by Citizens Advice Bureaux in 1995-96 concerned consumer credit, including agreements to guarantee loans. John Wheatley, social policy officer at the National Council for Citizens Advice Bureaux (Nacab), says: "Reports from bureaux indicate that clients who guarantee loans are not always informed of the implications of their actions and are not always provided with copies of agreements as is required by law."

In one case seen by Weekend Money, parents acting as guarantors for the deposit on a home for their student daughter nearly signed themselves up to guarantee all her debts before demanding restrictions to the guarantee agreement on the advice of their solicitor.

In other cases seen by Citizens Advice Bureaux, people have faced losing their homes after agreeing to guarantee loans secured on property without an explanation of what they are signing. A couple in Manchester are having to sell their home after agreeing to guarantee their son's overdraft using the security of their home. The Citizens Advice Bureau says: "No explanation was given about liability or need for independent advice. The agreement

was signed in the street on the

manager's car bonnet."
Under the Banking Code of Practice, banks are supposed to warn people offering to act as guarantors that they should take independent legal advice before committing themselves. The bank has a duty to make sure the potential guarantor understands the implications of signing the document. A House of Lords ruling three years ago reinforced these safeguards when it ruled that a wife could not be held liable for guaranteeing debts run up by her husband because the bank had falled to explain the nature of the guarantee.

Banks insist that they follow the guidelines set down by the Banking Code. But they admit that they normally issue a guarantee form with standard wording. This contains no restrictions on the size of the loan guaranteed or the length of time the commitment will last. It is up to individuals to specify what they want and agree amendments accordingly

But Michael Jelly, partner at Irwin Mitchell, solicitors, says: "Guarantees are complicated. But there are two main things to look out for. There should be a stated limit on the amount guaranteed and the guarantors must insert this. The standard forms also don't have a time limit and this must be put in." Many people wrongly assume that, because they have explained they want a guarantee for a specific sum and time, this will automatically be included. Mr Jelly stresses that banks

Exic and Petra Bridgstock fortunately heeded suggestions to seek independent advice

are not necessarily trying to be daughter. Helen, a student at dishonest and sign people up to large commitments. They carry standard forms because this is administratively easier. But he says: "You need to look before you sign and challenge the assumptions."

Mr Jelly was approached by Eric and Petra Bridgstock, who wanted to guarantee a £12,000 loan from the Bank of

and debts, including potential overdrafts. Mr Bridgstock Edinburgh University Ms says: "If you don't look at the Bridgstock had decided to buy fine print you aren't only a house in the city which she guaranteeing the loan, you're would live in with four friends guaranteeing everything that as tenants. The rent from the someone might run up." four would pay the mortgage which was to be in her name. But the standard form from

The Bridgstocks fortunately heeded Bank of Scotland's instructions to take independent legal advice and showed the guarantee form to Mr Jelly

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EARs give borrowers just half of the story

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the Bridgstocks were legally liable not only for the £12,000

deposit but also for other loans

orrowers are still being kept in the dark over the real cost of credit, in spite of being bombarded with information on interest

Comparing the cost of borrowing on a credit card with the cost of taking an overdraft publish an interest rate called the effective annual rate (EAR), which does not include: on the other hand must publish an annual percentage rate into account along with the

The upshot is that EARs are enerally lower than annual percentage rates anti customers may misinterpret the figures as indicative of better

Mark Austin, planning and development manager for RBS Advanta, the joint venture between the Royal Bank

US credit card company, said: "NatWest's EAR for an authorised overdraft is 18.9 per cent, but there is a monthly fee of £9. The APR for its credit card is 21.7 per cent which includes a £12 annoal fee.

of Scotland and Advanta: a

"If you were to calculate an annual percentage rate for the overdraft on the same basis as a credit card - assuming year and including fees - the overdraft APR would actually "Assuming borrowing of £500" over the same period, the overdraft APR would be a

alcolm Coles, senior researcher at the Consumers' Association, said: "It is ridiculous that banks can get away with just quoting the interest rate for overdrafts and leaving out what can be very large fees."

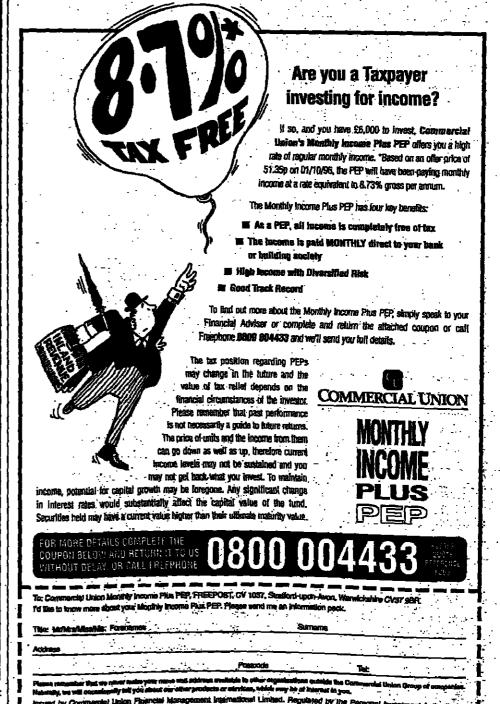
for the British Bankers' Association, which represents the banking industry, said: "The difficulty is that customers may not necessarily use the overdraft facility, or they may go overdrawn for 12 months. This makes it impossible to quote a meaningful APR."

The Consumers Association thinks banks should work out a typical example to rates could be as high 50 per cent, it's not surprising that Banks are let off the book

because of a loophole in the which excindes overdrafts. Office of Fair Trading to look at the issue and suggest that the Government make amendments to the Act.

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Fiona Bawdon looks at an alternative to lump-sum compensation

The daughter of Sir John Harvey-Jones this week received undisclosed damages after injuring her-self when she slipped at a restaurant. However, the Court of Appeal recently cut the damages awarded to three seriously injured people in a decision which will have implications for many thousands of accident victims.

The court ruled that people could expect an investment return of 4.5 per cent if they bought equities and gifts with their lump sum compensa-tion. This is 1.5 per cent higher than the 3 per cent obtainable from low-risk index-linked government securities which

courts previously accepted.

The difference may not seem much on £2,000 in a building society, but in the case of one catastrophically injured woman the decision meant she lost £520,000 when the compensation to cover her lifetime care was reduced to £11 million after the ruling.
The traditional lump sum

is, however, not the only way that accident victims can rective their compensation. Recent years have seen the growth of what are called structured settlements which can be used as an alternative where both sides agree.

How is the amount of an award worked out?

A Damages are usually made up of two broad components: general and special damages. General damages are to compensate the victim for the injury, such as the loss of a limb, and his pain and suffering. The amount is determined according to well-established tariffs. Special damages are to cover things like loss of earnings and extra expenses incurred as a result of the accident, such as adaptations to the home or the cost of round-the-clock care.

How does a structured settlement differ from a lump-sum award?

A Instead of getting a one-off payment which the victim can then invest (or spend as he chooses), the injured person gets a guaranteed regular income for life — the amount of which should reflect his particular

There may also be periodic lump sums to meet expected capital costs say the expense replacing a specially adapted car.

Damages decision will hit finances



Last-minute settlement: Sir John and Gabrielle Harvey-Jones

Any kind of personal injury case whether caused by, say, an accident at work or a hospital operation

that went wrong.

Awards made under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme — made to victims of crime — and the Motor Insurers' Bureau — which pays where a driver causing an accident is uninsured - can also be structured()

What are the advantages of structured

Their biggest plus is Their biggest plus is that they give victims and their families certainty. With a lump sum there is always a danger that the money may run out if, say, investments do less well than expected or if the victim lives far longer than expected at the time the award was

calculated. As Professor Richard Lewis, author of a book on the subject, says:
"With a lump-sum award,
you can end up totally broke.
With a structured settlement,
you will only be broke for a
month before you get your

next payment." Payments are tax-free, whereas if a victim invested the money himself he would be liable for tax on the interest. They also spare victims the burden of administering and paying for the investment of a lump sum.

Are they suitable for all personal injury personal injury

A No. They can only be used where both sides agree to a structure. The courts cannot impose structured settlements.

They may be inappropriate where the award is low either because the injury is relatively minor or because the court decides the victim should bear some of the blame — say 50 per cent for the accident and reduces the award accordingly.

In this situation it might be better to take damages as a lump sum and buy a major item such as a new home which should preserve the victim's entitlement to means-tested state benefit. As a rule of thumb, damages under £100,000 are thought by some legal advisers to be unsuitable for structuring.

Are there any draw-backs with structured

Structured settlements provide certainty - but also rigidity, because once a settlement is set up it cannot be amended if a victim's circumstances suddenly

If a victim dies earlier than expected, a structured settlement can let the defendant or his insurers off very cheaply íand unlike lump-sum awards, nothing will be left for the victim's heirs). This is, however, a problem that can be avoided by building in a guaranteed minimum period of, say, ten or 20 years over which the settlement will pay out even if the victim

There is no guarantee that the amount of income that the victim receives will necessarily keep pace with his needs over the years. Although structures are linked to the retail prices index, usually through an indexlinked annuity, the cost of care may rise faster than the

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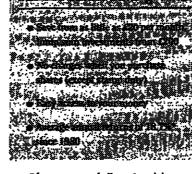
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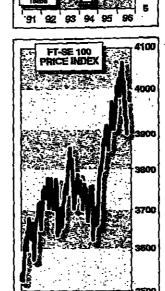
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All figures are the purchase), guarantee SINGLE LIFE (level ann)	Male:	Age 60	Age 65	
Equitable Lf Level Standard Lf Level Canada Lf Level General Level Stahwart * Level		£10,277 £9,956 £9,938 £9,954 £9,686	£11,187 £11,024 £11,012 £10,987 £10,710	£12,38 £12,41 £12,47 £12,33 £11 82
SINGLE LIFE	Female:	Age 60	Age 65	Age 7
Canada Lí Level Equitable Lí Level Prudential Level Generali Level Norwich Un Level		29,244 29,350 29,204 29,061 29,129	£10,045 £10,027 £9,956 £9,911 £9,882	£11,22 £10,97 £11,05 £11,08 £10,98
JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)	Male: Female:	Age 60 Age 55	Age 60 Age 60	Age 71 Age 6
Equitable Li Lavel Stalwart* Level Canada Li Level Prudential Level Generali Level	.=	£9,046 £8,540 £8,823 £8,772 £8,672	£9,563 £9,226 £9,434 £9,363 £9,362	£10,270 £10,00 £10,300 £10,193 £10,223

Lender	interest rate %	Loan size	Mex %	Notes
Building Sociel	ies			
Bristol & West 0800 608088	0.95	£15k+	95	6.04% disc 6 mn then 1% disc-6m
Lambeth	3.74	£15-150k	95	3.25% discount
0171 928 1331	-		95	for 12 months 2.50% discount
Newbury 01635 43676	4.24	£5-100k	90	for 12 months
Banks				
Bnk of Ireland	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.25% disc 6 mt
01734 510100		0456.	95	3% disc 6 mths 3.74% discount
TSB Bank 0500 758000	3.25	£15k+	95 .	for 12 months

Further information; Bley's Guides, 01753 880482.



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ANNUAL INCOME						
	Rates as at	November 7, 1996				
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	10,000	AIG Life	5.30			
	20,000	AIG Life	5.50			
	50,000	AlG Life	5.60			
2 Years						
	1,000	Premium Life	4,65			
	3,000	ITT London & Edin	5.70			
	20,000	AIG Life	5.80 5.00			
	50,000	AIG Life	5.90			
3 Years						
) C ala	1,000	Premium Life	4.95			
	3,000	ITT London & Edin	5.95			
	20,000	AIG Life	6.03			
	50,000	AiG Life	6.08			
4 Years	4.000	Premium Life	5.20			
	1,000 3.000	M London & Edin	6.35			
	3,000	1) I COROCI & COM	0.55			
5 Years						
	1,000	Premium Life	5.45			
	3,000	ITT London & Edin	6.45			
Source: Cha	unberlajn de Broë 0171-43	4 4222. Net rates, income and co	apital gueranteed.			

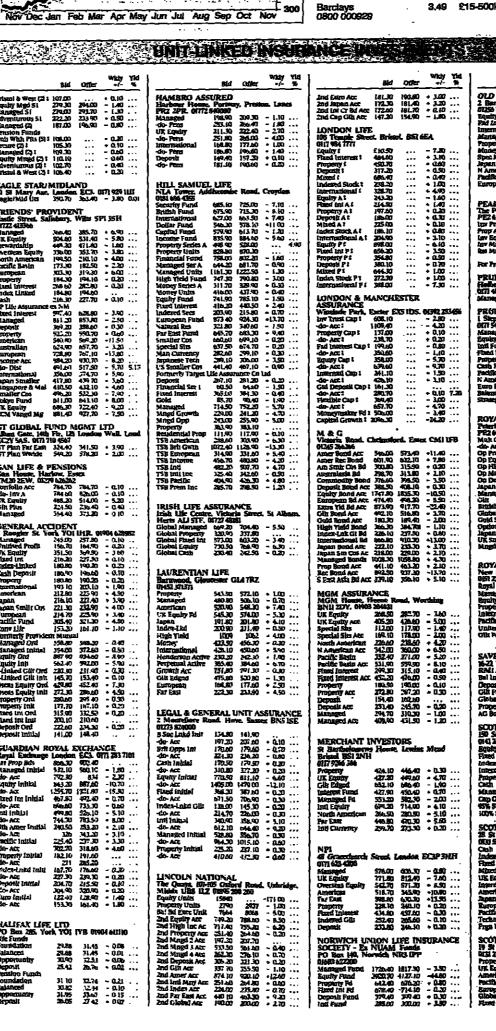
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Bradford & Bingley	11.825%	123.55	9.409	100.13	10,000	0181 742 0471
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Bristol & West	13.375%	143.04	9.351	100.34	1,000	01344 394000
Britannia	13.000%	138,87	9.362		1,000	Bristol & West 0800 608088
Coventry	12.125%	131.06	9.225		1,000	
First National	11.750%	122.57	9.587		10,000	Banks
Halifax	8.750%	96.85	9.035		50,000	Bank of Ireland
Halifex	12.000%	130.00	8.978	100,28	50,000	01734 510100
Halifax	13.625%	149.28	9,127	100.00	50,000	Bardays Bank
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	144.81	9,236		1,000	0800 000929
Newcastle	10.750%	118,39	9.064		1,000	
Newcastle	12,625%	136.83	9.227	100,45		
Northern Rock	12,625%	139.75	9,034	100.14	1,000	A 4 4
Skipton	12.875%	139.00	9,262	100.48	1,000	1%
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Building Societies				
Scarborough	0.05	to £250k	70	Rate fixed for
0800 590547	0,00	4 4	•••	12 months
Chorley & David	0.50	£60-120k	80	6% discount for
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Mansfield	0.39	£75-125k	90	6.35% dsc-6 mt
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I know where to turn for advice in future

Alliance & Leicester bonanza first of four

answers your questions on the big pay day at the

through mine.



From Mr J.D. Hadley Sir, My wife and I have small accounts with the Alliance & Leicester Building Society. We both received the 100page booklets on November 2. I ploughed my weary way

sume that the lengthy document is a legal requirement, but could not the Alliance & Leicester directors have in-

cluded a simple precis? Thank goodness for Caroline Merrell's article (Alliance & Leicester bonanza first of

four) on page 35 of Weekend Money. We could understand Yours faithfully,

J. HADLEY, Sunnyridge, Haverfordwest.

Trustees must pursue rejection of claims for shares for their charges

From Mrs A.M. Wilson Sir, Your correspondents (Mrs Krzysia Gossage and Wing Commander ` Richard Dauncey - First-named are enablers, not owners of society accounts for the disabled. Weekend Money Letters, November 2) mention two categories of people administering building society accounts on behalf of others. There is a third kind of enabler, the

My wife took one look at

I have been told by the Alliance & Leicester that the first named trustee on my son's account book has the vote and receives the shares. Since I am that trustee and I have my own account with the society, he will receive nothing. Had the other, male trustee been put down first (as seems to be normal practice) he would have benefited and

could have put the money into

Such arbitrary means of allocation are clearly unfair, and in my opinion trustees are failing in their duty if they do not vigorously pursue the rights of those for whom they manage accounts. Yours faithfully, A. WILSON, Leys Avenue,

Yours faithfully,

DOMINIC MOSS,

66A High Street,

Harpenden, Herts.

From Mr Philip Fisher

still trying to escape from

If the Chancellor did an-

nounce such a measure in the

Budget the prospect of higher

potential inflationary pay rises

would be explosive mixture

which could well sink the

Conservative Party at the polling booths. With four million

Penalties of abolishing profit-related pay schemes

From Mr Dominic Moss Sir. For the past few years there has been speculation that the Government could raise additional revenue by abolishing profit-related pay. This year is no different and, if anything, the speculation is

more exaggerated than ever. One and a half billion pounds, the sum quoted by the Treasury as the "cost" of PRP. is a considerable amount. However, when considering the total level of Government expenditure -- £285 billion, it is a small figure and has achieved notoriety out of proportion to its impact on the public purse.

PRP has been successful but it still covers less than 20 per cent of eligible employees, Given its benefits, it should be asked why more employers have not adopted it? Should a highly successful concession. the only employee tax relief introduced this century be more juicy and politically ac-

ceptable targets to aim at? Sadly abolishing PRP would not deliver the quick fix that the pundits would like. As Newton deduced, for every action there must be an equal and opposite reaction. In the September issue of Taxation Magazine Philip Fisher gave an excellent appraisal of the implications of PRP abolition.

He concluded that the most likely effect of abolition would be a rise in unemployment of

Peps and shares

from flotations

From Mr N.L. Denson

Sir, You reported (Weekend

Money, October 12) that free

shares issued as part of a

building society flotation

could be transferred into a Pep

for zero value. I have since

found that this must be done

within 42 days of the floration.

managers will consider intro-ducing a self-select corporate

Pep restricted to the shares in

the former building societies

due to float in the next finan-

cial year. In an ordinary

single-company or corporate

Pep, the managers are able to

cut dealing charges as they deal in bulk, whereas in self-select Peps, individual dealing

charges have to be borne out

of the dividends. A scheme as

proposed above would enable

the recipients of more than one

set of free shares to transfer

them all to the tax-free haven

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Berkshire.

It is to be hoped that fund

about 100,000 and no reduction in the basic rate of income tax as the saving would be needed to fund the cost of the people put out of work.

Given the impending election it would be electoral suicide to propose a policy that cost three million voters an average of £300 to £350 pa while putting 100,000 out of

schemes often ask why the Revenue is promoting a scheme that diverts money from the Exchequer to the employee's pay packet. As always there is method in their apparent madness. Apart from being a tacit recognition of the notion that individuals are better qualified to spend money effectively than the civil service, the Exchequer claws

expenditure acts as an ecopurse. Higher company profits hopefully generate higher corporation tax receipts.

The arguments for abolition of PRP just do not add up. However, it could be argued that the abuse of PRP does need to be curbed, by clamping down on service-company

schemes or excluding salarysacrifice schemes. An option to target PRP more effectively might be to limit relief to the basic rate of

Employers considering PRP In the light of your article (E) 5bn pay monster in need of control. November 2) with the inherent thread of accelerating inflation I am astonished at continued suggestions of the abolition of profit-related pay. Not only would this lead to substantial pay inflation as employers made good effective pay cuts, it would also sub-stantially threaten companies

back what it has given away in a number of ways. Increased spending by recipients of PRP filters back to indirect tax and duties. More nomic stimulus reducing unemployment, taking people off benefit and making them net contributors to the public

Treg's costs for lapsed bid

From the chairman, TR European Growth

Sir, In a recent article on the demise of Kepit, your reporter 'speculated" that the costs to TR European Growth's shareholders of the lapsed bid amounted to some £5 million. As this is the third time this wrong and misleading figure has been quoted in your columns, I write to set the

record straight. The board of Treg were throughout the bid operation mindful of their duty to shareholders. Accordingly, all advisers were retained on a success-fee basis and all other costs were strictly controlled the board and their

As I stated at the extraordinary general meeting of Treg held on September 18 and repeated at the AGM held on October 28, the costs of the Offer payable by Treg shareholders amounted to just under £1 million, which was closely in line with our original estimate. This cost represented less than 0.7 per cent of the net asset value (nav) of the company and should be considered in the context of an increase in Treg's net asset value in the last financial year of over 36 per cent (more than double the relevant index) and an increase of some 8 per cent since the bid was launched. Yours faithfully, SIR GEOFFREY LITTLER,

Chairman, TR European Growth Trust Plc, 3 Finsbury Avenue, EC2.

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IBRC can also give authorisation to independent financial advisers

Sir. In the "Weekend Money Guide 1", published on Saturday, 28th September, there is an article headed "Advisers who mean business", which contains a factual inaccuracy. The writer states that "All ... advisers must have been approved by the Personal Investment Authority". This is untrue. Independent financial advisers can also be authorised by the Insurance Brokers Registration Council, which was set up by Act of Parlia-

ment in 1977. Unfortunately, journalists who write on financial matters fail to realise that any state-

Yours faithfully. D.M. EDMUNDS, l Arodene Road,

Crazy world of motor insurance premiums

From Mr N.D. Thomson Sir. On requesting the renewal premium which would follow the removal of my wife from my current motor insurance policy. I was amused to discover that the consequent reduction in cover would add some £20 or so to the premium.

Is it possible by adding my (hypothesised) 21-year-old son,

string of drink-driving offences, that I might be able to extinguish the premium for the motor insurance policy altogether?

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N. THOMSON. Finnock House. Cliff Terrace Road, Wemyss Bay,

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Benn will struggle to find answers in final showdown

By Andrew Longmore

VIEWERS of a Question of difficult to name the new face on Ally McCoist's team. The trish accent provided a clue, but not the charming, witty manner. A boxer, surely not. Even the razor-sharp McCoist was verbally outshone by Steve Collins, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) supermiddleweight champion.

"I really enjoyed the show." Collins said yesterday. "People see me in the ring when I'm very aggressive, but every so often they see me being myself, relaxed and natural. Maybe it

surprised a few people."

Collins, it seems, has been surprising everyone but himself for the past two years. Not many boxers find the honeypot after the age of 30, but the Celtic Warrior has done his time and is all the more dangerous for having experienced every stage of a world champion's evolu-

"He loves all the attention." Freddy Roach, his diminutive American trainer, said. "I take my hat off to him. I fought as a pro for ten years and you get old and go through the motions. Stevie's still very hungry. He's like a young kid, very fresh." Though only six months younger than Benn, at 32, he

has endured II fewer contests. The accepted opinion is that, tonight, in front of a sell-out crowd of 22,000 at the Nynex Arena in Manchester. Nigel Benn will bear the brunt of all the champion's years of anonymity even more starkly than he did four months ago in their first encounter, which ended in defeat for Benn amid predict-



Collins: still hungry

able controversy. The Englishman retired in the fourth round claiming a twisted ankle. Many thought a broken heart was the more significant injury. Courage has never been wanting in the Dark Destroyer, but Collins, with his suffocating, slugger's style, reminded Benn of himself in his best days and that was too much to take.

Benn retired from the ring for the second time after that defeat, only to be lured into a change of mind by the thought of another big payday and one more night of glory. One of the fears tonight is that another beating will leave precious little mind to be changed.

Benn flew into Manchester from his training base in Tenerife only yesterday afternoon in time for the weigh-in. He was perhaps wise not to turn up for his scheduled and contractually-obligatory press conference in the morning. He would have gained little comfort. Without descending to the insults heaped on Remigio Molina by Naseem Hamed the previous day. Collins exuded the terrifying certainty of a man who has calculated all odds and knows he cannot

"I have every respect for Benn," Collins said, "but his fights are in the past, his best days are gone. I see him as a man under pressure. He wants to retire, but others push him into going on. His



Benn: chasing glory

great asset is supposed to be his punching power, but his punches had no effect on me, so unless he's grown an extra arm, he has nothing to beat me." Only the thought that one last spark might fly from that brooding, unpredictable man will keep the punters from taking the favourite's odds on the champion. Whatever the outcome, the

bout could mark the end of the most captivating and destructive era in the history of the super-middleweight division. Benn and Chris Eubank have survived so far; Michael Watson and McClellan were not so fortunate. If Collins, who once rejected the home town soubriquet, "The Cabra Cobra", on the grounds of em-barrassment, emerges from one final night of mayhem on fitting triumph for the oldfashioned virtues of the plod-

By appearing on a bill that also features Hamed's de-fence of the WBO featherchampionshiop against the unbeaten, but largely unheralded Molina, of Argentina, and the longawaited chance for Ensley Bingham, of Britain, to claim the WBO light-middleweight title from the stylish Ronald Wright, of Florida, Collins has already made history. No other show has seen three separate British boxers involved in world title contests on one bill. Who topped the bill? Collins would regard that as no more troublesome a question than the one Benn will pose tonight.



COMPREHENSIVE GUDE TO THE WEEKENE AND BEST TO THE



White plays a stylish drive through the covers during his valuable innings of 61 against South Australia

Butcher leads revival for England

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN ADELAIDE

THE England A squad, chosen to tour Australia to explore their potential as future Test players, struggled to display the patience necessary to combat a top-class South Australia attack in difficult conditions at the Oval here yesterday. Adam Hollioake's decision

to bat looked to be a huge miscalculation as the touring team slipped to 46 for four against the holders of the Sheffield Shield, whose side had been strengthened by the return of Jason Gillespie and Mark Harrity, the fast bowlers, and Peter McIntyre. the leg spinner, from Australia's tour of India.

Yet England's struggle was caused as much by poor shot selection as the early seaming and swinging conditions and without determined innings from Mark Butcher, Craig White and later Mark Ealham, Ashley Giles and Warren Hegg they would have filled are to seek 232 have failed even to reach 232 for nine at the close.

Mike Gatting, the coach, acknowledged: There was a bit of moisture around and it did seam a bit, but I still think

our innings that were a little irresponsible. That will lose us matches because the first 20 overs with the new ball over here is very important and, if you can get through that without losing a wicket, you've done well. But if we can get the players appreciating how to play a Test innings by coming on A tours like this, then I think it's all worthwhile."

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BOWLING: Gillespie 18-8-25-1; Hemity 23-7-81-4; Bleweit 13-1-50-1; Mohrtyre 23-11-40-0; Young 12-4-17-1; Scuderi 8-2-26-2. SOUTH AUSTRALIA: G S Blewett, B A Johnson, "J D Siddons, D S Lehmann, J A Brayshawe, J C Scuderi, †† J Nielsen, B E Young, J N Gillespie, P E Michayre, M A Harrity.

wicket partnership with White proved the turning point of the innings, with the pair adding 108 runs. Both feil to disappointing shots either side of tea. White lamely driving to mid-off on 61 and Butcher playing straight to mid-wicket, having batted for more than four hours in making

Ealham and Giles maintained the momentum, both scoring 17, while Hegg contributed an unbeaten 21 to frustrate Harrity's hopes of claiming five wickets on his

Looking at the way it moved around this morning, we would have settled for 250. If we can get somewhere near that we'll be happy, because, if the boys bowl well, we can do the same to them."

> The han, though not officially enforced outside England, has discouraged overseas clubs from taking on Giddins and although a number of counties have approached him with interest in his lone-term future, an imminent deal is unlikely now that his return is so distant. For the next few weeks, at least, Giddins will take his disillusionment into

Umpires, A J Hunter and R G Kinnear Warne on course to return against West Indies

SHANE WARNE, the Australia leg spinner, survived the first serious examination of his injured finger before the first Test match against West Indies by taking two wickets for Victoria, against New South Wales, in a Sheffield Shield yesterday.

workload since he underwent surgery in May to repair ligament damage in his bowl much short stuff. The real key is Australia declared at 293 for six.

bowling hand. Making his first-class debut as captain of Victoria, Warne took the wickets of Anthony Stuart and Stuart MacGill, both tailenders, and finished with figures of two for 40. He also took a sharp catch at first slip to dismiss David

"I thought I bowled pretty well and it Warne bowled 20 overs, his heaviest was good to bowl 20 overs," Warne said. "They came out pretty well and I didn't

how my finger pulls up tomorrow. Hopefully, it pulls up well and I'll be able to bowl again in a couple of days' time." While Warne alerted the Australia

selectors to his return to fitness, Adam Gilchrist, the wicketkeeper, pressed his claims to be included in the first Test in two weeks with a 98-ball century off the West Indies attack in Perth yesterday. Gilchrist made 108 not out from 101 balls as Western

Giddins's plea for clemency rejected

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

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CRICKET reinforced its defences against drug-taking yesterday and denied Ed Giddins a short-cut return to the game. The appeal of the former Sussex fast bowler against his 18-month suspension for taking cocaine was rejected by the Cricket Council, an arguably harsh decision but nonetheless consistent with the line of the Test

and County Cricket Board. Giddins appealed against the length of his ban after receiving substantial sympa-thy for a verdict that seemed disproportionate to the of-fence. Michael Lawrence, his solicitor, said: "Our grounds for the appeal were that the original decision was too

Yet the five-man panel of the Cricket Council, chaired by Desmond Perrett, QC, and sitting for the last time before its integration into the new English Cricket Board, could find no grounds for leniency. We confidently arrived at the conclusion that the sentence must be confirmed," its statement read.

Giddins, 25, must therefore maintain fitness, ambition and enthusiasm until the start of the 1998 season if he is to resume a fast-bowling career that, having already achieved one England A tour, had clear international potential. By then, he will have paid a more severe penalty for social foolishness than other sportsmen have had to pay for calculated attempts to gain supremacy by cheating with drugs.

Nobody has seriously sug-gested that Giddins, a maverick character prone to social excesses, sought to enhance his bowling through cocaine. His punishment, compounded by his subsequent hasty dismissal from the Sussex staff, is a direct result of cricket's determination to distance itself from all forms of drug-

new employment.

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RUGBY UNION

Townsend central to Scotland's strategy

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

A STRANGE uncertainty surrounds the Australians as they approach the first of three internationals with the home countries at Murrayfield today. There is a lack of composure, created by the need for a new management and a new team to settle to their roles, a swathe of injuries the like of. which few touring teams have faced and the apparent absence of dominating characters on the field.

Scotland may find by the end of the Royal Bank international that the character remains, but, judged against the likes of Slack, Ella, Lynagh, Poidevin and Farr-Jones of the recent past, no guiding presence stands out. Even David Campese, who played with all those great players of Austra-lian rugby, is confined to the replacements' bench.

There is the further uncertainty of the professional era, which only this week welcomed the legal use of the tactical replacement, though neither coach — like Jack Rowell, of England - seeks to exploit it. There has been

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criticism of Australia's tour party from home and abroad. while the Scots are struggling to recover from heavy defeats during the summer in New Zealand: there is a new captain in Gregor Townsend and the only Hastings in sight, Scott, is a replacement.

These are teams seeking to find themselves: Scotland regrouped admirably after the 1995 World Cup to press England hard for last season's five nations championship, but then found the All Blacks in rampant mood and are without Rob Wainwright, their influential leader. Gary Armstrong makes a

welcome return, renewing the half-back link with Craig Chalmers that served Scotland so well between 1989 and 1994. Chalmers is said to have reshaped his game and Scots will hope that he and Townsend can offer alternative focal points of attack just as Townsend does at Northampton when Paul Grayson is playing at standoff half, though there is no question that Townsend

prefers to play in the No 10

shirt.
"We want to create more tryscoring chances and take them, rather than just competing," Townsend said after yesterday's training session. This harks back not only to New Zealand but to last season at home, where Scottish ability to open the field was not always rewarded on the scoreboard. They will take the same approach today. aided by the selection of two open-side forwards, the one newcomer, Murray Wallace, being one of them. He is on the blind-side. Against them stand an Aus-

tralian XV, none of whom has played at Murrayfield. For many, this tour is a first experience outside their own hemisphere. In winning five games, they have lost five players through injury, yet nobody should forget that, during the summer tri-nations' tournament, they beat South Africa and held New Zealand to a seven-point margin, showing notable character after that amazing 43-6 drubbing in Wellington by the All Blacks

They have already played one international on this tour, against Italy, and have worked together in a way the Scots have not. "Ultimately we want to get personal satisfac-tion out of our performance, based on the work we have done," Greg Smith, the coach, who has been subjected to considerable criticism, said. If we win, people may keep quiet for a while."

Two New South Walians hold the key to Australian success today — and against Ireland and Wales: David Knox and Matthew Burke, the playmaker and the pointsscorer. Knox enjoyed an Indian summer in Australia's was the player of Australia's season, kicking goals with the regularity of a metronome during the Super 12 tournament and inspiring his colleagues with his running from full back.

Yet they can only perform when they have the ball. John Eales will ensure some, but the big query hangs over the Australian tight five, where Andrew Blades wins his first cap at tight-head prop. Should they hold their own, then the polish of their back division may overcome even the Murrayfield roar.



Knox relishes opportunity to step out of Lynagh's shadow

resist a wry smile when reading the Sydney Morning Herald this summer. The newspaper had asked leading rugby personalities, among them Bob Dwyer, the former Australia coach, to select their preferred team to play the touring

Dwyer nominated Knox. which came as something of a surprise because in the eight years he was in office. Dwyer had virtually ignored the talented but enigmatic Australian Capital Territories (ACT) stand-off half. "I thought Thanks Bob, the first year you're out of the job you put me in.' " Knox said.

That, to a large extent, has been the story of Knox's career to date the nearly man of Australian rugby who made his international debut in 1985 but who has, in the intervening years, missed out on the glittering prizes while playing second fiddle to Michael Lynagh.

Lynagh and Knox were contemporaries in the successful Australia schools side of 1981-82 that toured Great Britain undefeated, but, while Lynagh went on to become a household name, Knox, now 33, remained a peripheral figure. To date, the man whom Dwyer still maintains has the "best hands" of any

Australia's nearly man hopes that, finally, his time has come. Mark Souster reports

stand-off, as well as a prodigious boot, has accumulated a mere six caps. In the mean-time, Lynagh rewrote the record books before retiring last year after 72 games for his

The wheel of fortune has now turned full circle. After a twist of fate - Scott Bowen's broken leg - and a new lease of life with ACT in the Super 12 series. Knox finds himself playing against Scotland at Murrayfield today as the ac-knowledged first choice, a Pied Piper, of sorts, to comparative youngsters of the calibre of Burke, Roff, Horan

"It has been pretty frustrating," Knox said. "I guess it's just been bad timing. But now things are looking up, I've changed and I've come out of my shell. I'm now able to take games by the scruff of the neck. The guys at Randwick [his club] expect me to take control of the game. I'm the oldest guy there apart from Campo [David Campese], so the responsibility is on me In his early days, he had a

reputation for marching to a different beat, a "regular guy" but one who lacked hunger. All wrong, he insists. It was simply that he soon learnt to mask disappointment and distillusionment while underneath still aching at the perceived injustice of successive rebuffs, the worst when fail-Cup squad, having been a member of the Australia team that beat New Zealand 20-16 in Sydney a year before. "I

TODAY'S TEAMS AT MURRAYFIELD

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Rejection for the 1992 tour of Wales and Ireland hurt almost as much and prompted him to take a year out, travel the world and settle in Italy and play for Padua.
"I suppose now I'm making

up for lost time as far as rugby is concerned. It'll be a dream playing in front of 67,000 people at Murrayfield. I am pretty intense about it and am having trouble sleeping but I'll be fine," Knox said. "I look on my job as getting the back division going. If they've had a good game, I know I have. I have learnt a lot from Michael Lynagh and Bob [Dwyerl. that creating space for those outside is really important."

n arts graduate and a teacher by profession. Knox was also a talented cricketer, a member of the Australia Under-19 team that boasted players of the calibre of Tim May and the Waugh brothers. However, having opted for rugby, he has no regrets because, he said, the sport has "given me so much". His hopes of confronting Gregor Townsend, an old adversary from the latter's stint at Warringah, have been dashed by the Scotland cap-

tain's switch to outside centre. "He is a fine player," Knox said. "They beat us in Sydney and I couldn't get a sniff at him. I hope it won't be the same on Saturday." Even if it is, it may not be

the last time the pair meet. Dwyer, his old mentor now in charge at Leicester, is rumoured to want Knox at Welford Road, an invitation he may find hard to resist. You see, Dywer never forgets

Conflicting demands of club and country hit home

BY DAVID HANDS

JUST when opportunity offers the chance to pick up the threads of domestic competition, the club versus country more. That the country in this case is Ireland, whose match against Western Samoa has caused four games to be postponed in England, makes no difference. Clubs cannot operate as businesses in this way and the sooner they, the European governing bodies and television negotiators sit down together to structure a coherent programme, the

That England has yet to achieve co-operation between those disparate elements does not help the overall process. Different opinions over the value of regional rugby re-main, as illustrated by the support offered by Sale and Orrell to the North's representative programme this month - as against that withheld by West Hartlepool and Newcastle: similarly, in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship, Coventry take a common-sense approach relevant to this season's particular difficulties.

"I don't think divisional teams should play on substandard grounds with sub-standard teams," Gerry Sugrue, their chairman, said. 'I understand that the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs want senior sides to play touring teams, but I fail to see how that will help English rugby if those clubs have a preponderance of overseas players. We have to learn lessons from cricket and rugby league and, certainly, football.

"I want to raise the standard of English rugby generally and Coventry in particular. Touring sides should play English-qualified representative teams, not international all-stars XVs." Though weakened, the first-

division programme today still offers an outstanding game at Franklin's Gardens between Northampton and Bath. Northampton are annoyed that Ireland would not lease players when their international with Western Samoa is not until Tuesday, but they have chosen to go ahead with the game to avoid risking a backlog of fixtures. Nick Beal has been passed fit to play full back and last season's England half backs, Matt Dawson and Paul Grayson, may feel they have a point to prove - notably against Mike Catt - after their omission from the XV to play Italy. Gloucester, meanwhile, will

hope to pick up the form of a month ago, when they overturned Wasps. That victory. their first in the league this season, carried them ahead of West Hartlepool whom they visit today with Ed Pearce at

☐ Federico Méndez, who has signed to play for Bath, plays in the first of two internationals between Argentina and South Africa in Buenos Aires today. His inclusion is an indication of how far Argentina have relaxed their stance against professionalism.

Tuigamala on bench against depleted Munster

BY KARL JOHNSTON

IRISH interest in the Heineken Cup and the European Conference has ended, but this weekend marks the start of a period of intense activity on provincial and international fronts, at full and age-group levels. As the national and A squads continue their four-day training session at Limerick University today, a much-depleted Munster side takes on the visiting Western Samoans at Musgrave Park in Cork, where the province's under-21 team will play the New Zealand News under-21s tomorrow.

After a flurry of training sessions involving domestic Western Samoan, South African. New Zealand and Australian squads on Monday, Tuesday will give Pat Whelan, the national team manager, and Murray Kidd, the coach, their first opportunity of the season to test international waters. That afternoon, Ireland A will meet South Africa A at Donnybrook in Dublin, then, in the evening, the full national team will face Western Samoa at Lansdowne Road in the first full rugby international match to be staged under lights in Ireland.

With II of their first-choice players ruled out by national demands, Munster today field a side that bears little resemblance to the team defeated by Toulouse a week ago. Only four of that team will be in action against the Samoans — Pat Murray and Sean McCahill, who were original choices, and Paul McCarthy and Len Dineen, who came on as replacements against Toulouse.

However, most of today's squad were involved in both Munster's Heineken Cup and successful Guinness inter-provincial championship campaigns. There are only two new caps — Frank Sheehan. the hooker, and Alan Quinlan, the flanker — while the international players are McCahill, McCarthy and the scrum half. David O'Mahony, who made his Italy in 1995.

Va'aiga Tuigamala, who has been called up by coach Bryan Williams, is a replacement this afternoon, but will play on the left wing against Ireland on Tuesday, when he will be making his international debut for his native country. His only previous international appearance against Ireland was in the first international at Dunedin in 1992, when the All Blacks won 24-21. ☐ Terry Holmes, the Cardiff

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coach, has told his team to put next week's European Cup quarter-final against Bath out of their minds and concentrate on this afternoon's Welsh League first division match at Neath International calls and the two European club competitions have seen a six-week break in domestic activity and Cardiff. points adrift of leaders Swansea, are anxious to make up for lost time.

SAILING: ISAF VOTES IN FAVOUR OF REPLACING STAR CLASS WITH NEW 'SUPER DINGHY' IN SYDNEY

49er wins approval to join the gold rush in 2000

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE council of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) yesterday approved the introduction of the 49er, a high-performance dinghy, for the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000 and, at the same time threw out the Star class to make way for it.

The 49er was approved at the ISAF's annual conference in Brighton, alongside the Mistral men and women's windsurfers, the Europe, Soling, Laser, Finn, 470 classes for men and women and the Tornado catamaran.

Paul Henderson, the ISAF president, whose personal enthusiasm for the inclusion of one of the new breed of dinghies did much to ensure that a change was made, said he was disappointed for Star sailors, but was sure the class would continue to thrive. "I have no doubt that we now have a blend of classes which encourages young sailors, both men and women, of all weights and aptitudes, to aspire to participate in the Olympic regatta," he said.

Meanwhile, Lawrie Smith was in Brighton to announce the first five crew who will sail with him on the men's boat in the Swedish Team EF syndicate in the Whitbread roundthe-world race next year. In

addition to Magnus Olsson, on the 18ft skiff that was more stopovers and, therefore, the senior Swede on the team, an Stead, who was part of Andy Beadsworth's Olympic the new crew are Gordon Maguire, who sailed with Soling crew; and Steve Hayles, who navigated on Smith on Rothmans in the 1989-90 Whitbread and was watch captain on Winston last Reebok in the last Whitbread. Smith, who will sail with up time round: Neal McDonald, who recently crewed for Smith to II crew, said the inclusion of

sponsored by The Times; Adri- more short legs in the race will mean that boat speed and crew work will be more important next year. He said he is likely to run a two-watch system again and wants six is among those still hoping to

under pressure to choose his remaining crew members from a range of nationalities. The two new EF boats are expected to be completed in

May. The team will then select the two fastest from its four-



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added the 2,000 Guineas to

IT MADE for a perfect vignette of the entire season. When Russian Snows secured the trainers' championship for Saeed bin Suroor by winning the RJB Mining Fillies Conditions Stakes at Doncaster yesterday, she was chased home by Questonia, whose trainer, Henry Cecil, pressed bin Suroor all the way to the wire.

In the end the sheer depth of the Godolphin string prevailed over Cecil's rallying troops. But the laurels, if not the accolade itself, go to both men, whose competitive instincts enlivened what is traditionally a drab conclusion to the Flat season. Cecil's feat in keeping tabs on bin Suroor was no less remarkable than the rise from obscurity of the

former Dubai policeman. Bin Suroor. 30, has complained of feeling like an outcast in Newmarket, where Godolphin, the inspiration of Sheikh Mohammed, is based for six months of the year. Yet the dignity with which he has carried himself through a difficult year has even rubbed

off on Cecil. A year ago, Sheikh Mohammed stripped Warren Place of the 40 horses he entrusted to Cecil. It was inconceivable that bin Suroor and Cecil would be exchanging racecourse pleasantries, as they have throughout the last few weeks. And Bin Suroor was quick to reciprocate in the wake of Russian Snows's victory. "Henry Cecil is a good trainer and a good man." he

said. "He is my friend." Bin Suroor is officially listed as Godolphin's trainer but his influence within the set-up has been regularly belittled. He

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does not wield the authority of his British contemporaries. but then, he has never claimed to. Perhaps the most satisfying aspect of Godolphin's triumph is that it accentuated the importance of teamwork within all successful racing stables. Bin Suroor emphasised the

point in the moment of triumph. "This is for the Godolphin team," he declared. With Godolphin poised to increase its stable strength next season, bin Suroor will be every bit as competitive in defence of his championship.

The turning point of this Herculean struggle came at Doncaster two weeks ago. Godolphin supplemented

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MISS MARIGOLD (L35 Wincanton) Next best: Northern Saddler (1.15 Chepstow)

Medaaly, previously disappointing at Ascot, to the valuable Racing Post Trophy. The colt responded by running the race of his life as the Ceciltrained Besiege, Medaaly's master on an earlier encounter, faded quickly from

contention. The achievement caps a remarkable two-year period for Godolphin, the headquarters of which lies on the fringes of Dubai city. Last season the outfit annexed three domestic classics, most notably Lammtarra's extraordinary victory in the Derby. Its prize-money haul was bettered only by John Dunlop. This year Mark Of Esteem

Godolphin's classic pennant. The stable's major British triumphs included Halling's Eclipse and International Stakes double, Classic Cliche's Ascot Gold Cup victory. Medaaly's Racing Post tally and Mark Of Esteem's emphatic performance in the Oueen Elizabeth II Stakes.

Indeed, Mark Of Esteem provided two of bin Suroor's fondest memories. Queen Elizabeth II Stakes was very good because the best horses in Europe were there," the trainer said. "The Eclipse was good but I couldn't forget the 2,000 Guineas. Mark Of Esteem was very brave.'

It was, of course, Cecil who trained Mark Of Esteem before his removal by Sheikh Mohammed, Charnwood Forest and Classic Cliche, other former inmates of Warren Place, also made significant prize-money contributions. But if Cecil was effectively operating with one hand behind his back, he admitted the jolt of losing Sheikh Mohammed's horses shook him from a complacency inherent in landing nine previous championships. Cecil felt he had a point to prove; he proved it

emphatically. As the champagne was unleashed at Doncaster, one poignant moment illustrated the difference between this and other championships. Bin Suroor surveyed the scenes of celebration and said: "I will have a glass of orange juice. I do not drink because of my

The contest had ebbed flowed, but bin Suroor's clarity of purpose never wavered.



The sign in the winner's enclosure at Doncaster confirms Saeed bin Suroor's victory in the trainers' championship

Astute campaigner can celebrate Election Day

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1.15: Newlands-General may have to give best to Northern Saddler in what may boil down to a match. Newlands-General's forcing tactics should string out the opposition but his jumping is not always reliable. Northern Saddler, a winner first time last season, is reported fit and well for his reappearance.

1.45: David Nicholson's good record in this race prompted support for his Castle Sweep earlier in the week. The fiveyear-old has prospects but he requires a career-best performance against some talented opponents. Dr Leunt, another to attract interest, will be fit enough despite his lengthy absence. Nevertheless, he appears weighted to the hilt on his second in a below-par Triumph Hurdle 20 months ago. I prefer Jet Rules, a course and distance winner with considerable scope for improvement. Hampered when only tenth at the Cheltenham Festival, he has been given every chance by the handicapper.

2.15: See More Business. twice a winner between the flags, could go right to the top over fences. He impressed in an abbreviated hurdling campaign last term but stamina appears his forte. A sedate gallop over this trip may find him out. Buckhouse Boy, a leading staying novice hurdler, has almost as much potential but a chance is taken with Wee Windy. Josh Gifford's horse has long appealed as a chasing type.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

DONCASTER

CHANNEL 4 2.55: Election Day should be hard to beat on his favoured surface. Although not sighted since Royal Ascot, his trainer. Michael Stoute, would not saddle the colt at this late stage unless he was ready. Eva Lima's 8lb penalty looks prohibitive, while Medaille Militaire is unproven at this trip. Key To My Heart and Sheer Danzig make more appeal, but must improve to

topple the selection.

3.30: Kutta is a worthy fa-

vourite after his narrow defeat by Salmon Ladder in group company. Well handicapped, he remains on the upgrade but offers no value against 23 opponents. Dato Star, a clear second 12 months ago, should again go well but two with chances near the foot of the handicap are Shadow Leader and Romios. Shadow Leader was convincing at Ascot recently but Romios, who ran another fine race at Newmarket last time, is in his element on an easy surface. He looks a better prospect than his stablemate, Present Arms, a

gained on fast ground. Clifton Fox should stay this trip but has been hammered for reducing the Cambridgeshire to a procession.

4.05: Orchestra Stall, who probably failed to last home in the Cesarewitch, came good when returned to two miles last week. He will be popular but faces a progressive filly in Sweetness Herself. The Mick Ryan-trained three-year-old recently accounted for Paradise Navy, Debutante Days and Lepikha at Nottingham. Even on worse terms, she should confirm that form.

WINCANTON CHANNEL 4

3.10: Coome Hill makes plenty of appeal in a race governed by doubts about his more established rivals. The seven-year-old boasts a recent outing, is a safe jumper and will act on the ground. By contrast, Garrison Savan-nah and Well Briefed have become disappointing, Gle-mot is unlikely to stay. Samlee's jumping is risky and Tug Of Peace too inconsistent to entertain. With Straight Talk in the handicapper's grip. Run Up The Flag looks the danger.

3.45: Dreams End and Eskimo Nel are fit from the Flat. the latter shaping well when sixth at Leicester last month However, either will do well to beat Mistinguett, who impressed when victorious at Newbury recently.

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12.50 Percy Isla 1.20 Dances With Hooves 1.50 Yorkie George

2.55 Key To My Heart 3.30 Kutta 4.05 Sweetness Hersell

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3,30 KUTTA. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.50 Yorkie George. 2.55 ELECTION

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103	(15)	00	FRUITE O'FLARETY 9 (W Gredley) C British 9-0 M Roberts
104	(11)	0560	HIGHLAND PASS 18 (R Curtis) P Burgoyne 9-0 D R McCabe
105	(2)		MOGUL (Säyar and Blue Club) N Graham 9-0 A McGione
106	(4)		MR MUSIC 12 (Mrs. H. Raw) K McAubite 9-0 J F Egan
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108	(16)		QUARTERSTAFF (W Gnubrouller) C Wall 9-0 G Duffield
109	(6)		SALFORD (AD 10 (A Thompson) G Viragg 9-0 14 Hills
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111	(3)		SUCH PRESENCE 16 (Mrss. E HBT) K Bridgwater 9-0 C Ruster
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203	(10)		MOON RIVER (B Andersson) J Dunkay 9-0
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305	(13)		PINCHINCHA (T Wells) D Morrs 9-0
206	(6)	0	STRAFFAN GOLD 15 (P Savik) G Wragg 9-0 K Darley
207	(8)	0	TYROLEAN DREAM 17 (P Heath) M Tompians 9-0 M Henry (3)
208	(15)		ZINZARI (8 Mielsen) D Lodes 9-0 O R McCabe
209	(5)		BELLE BLICKI (J. Montson) M. Johnston 8-9
210	(12)	Ø	GINGER ROGERS 18 (W Ponsorby) D Arbatronal 8-9 C Publish
231	(14)	00	JUCINDA 7 (Mrs S Watson) J Pearce 6-9 J Quino
212	[3]		LADYBIRD 12 (Cheveley Park Stod) J Gosdan 8-9 L Detion
213	(4)	a	MOVE THE CLOUDS 15 (W Gradley) J Parshave 8-9
214	(7)		RUSSIAN OLIVE 7 (Lord Camervon) L Camera 8-9 O Urbina
215	(1)	06	STRECTLY HARD 11 (J. Goodman) & Bravery 8-9 Declara O'Sbea
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302	m		OLUEENS CONSUL 11 (D,G) (Ms H Davison) B Rothwell 6-11-6 Mrs D Michael (5)
303	(5)		TAICHLED 4 (D.F.S) (Mrs.: N Thesiger) D Chapman 5-11-5 Miss R Clark
304	(C1)		MAPLE BAY 21 (D.G.S.) A Balley 7-11-5 . Mics Bridget Gatebouse (5)
305	(10)		DANCES WITH HOOVES 211 (V Squegla) D firench Davis 4-11-6 Miss J Aleson
306	(13)		ROYAL CELIDH 11 (D.F.G.) (Carton App) D South 3-11-4 Miss M Carson (5)
307	(14)	253003	KNOTTY HR.1, 38 (kaoth Hill Golf) R Criggs 4-11-1 Miss P Robson
308	(Zt)	051600	MYBOTYE 11 (F,6) (A Morocey) 6 Oldroyd 3-11-1 Mrs. C Williams (5)
309	(18)		FARRINGDON HILL 40 (F) (C Ranson) R Champun 5-11-0 Mrs K Hills (5)
310	(11)		KING ATHELSTAN 14 (P) (I Guise) B McMahon 8-11-0 _ Miss E J Jones (5)
311	(6)		CATUMBELLA 17 (BF) (Mrs S Taylor) J Gooden 3-11-0 Mrs L Pearce
31.	(21)	403054	PROUD MONK 16 (V.5) (K Higson) G L Moore 3-10-13 Mas J Moore (5)
313	(19)		DARLING CLOVER 11 (F.G) R Bassimon 4-10-12 Miss R Basseman (5)
314	(20)		NORTHERM FAM 30 (D.G) (Speedich Group) N Tinkler 4-10-11 Miss P Jones
315	(15)		POLLY PECULIAR 15 (D,S) 8 Smart 5-10-7 Miss V Marshall (5)
316	(16)		BEN GUNN 7 (F,S) (M White) P Waterin 4-10-4 Marchioness Blandford (5)
317	(17)		ABSOLUTE UTOPIA 32 (B Bealls) N Barry 3-10-4 Misss E Fores (5)
318	(2)		MR FROSTY 12 (G) (D Winghit) W Janus 4-10-4. Mass E Johnson Houghton
319	[1]	605020	STACKATTACK 15 (Mrs. J. Ramoden) Mrs. J. Ramoden 3-10-3 Miss E Ramoden (5)
320	(4)		EXPRESS CEFT 2500 (D.F.S) (Its Home) Mrs M Revoley 7-10-2 Mrs S Bookey
121	(3)		DISPOR, GEM 11 (W projecti) 6 Obdroyd 3-10-1. Mrs D Kestewell
322	(9)	223511	MELS BABY 33 (D.F.G) (J. Roberts) J. Eyre 3-10-1 Miss Diana Jones
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403	(8)		REMARK 17 (F) (H Al Maldourn) S but Support 8-13 R HRS
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405	(12)		OUT OF SIGHT 23 (D Allen) B McMahon 8-8
406	(5)	12	PASSERLORA 131 (BE,F) (Mrs R Gneve) J Dooslop 8-8 T Outbox
407	(E)	042501	I CAN'T REMEMBER 15 (C.D.F.G.S) (P Gustam) P Franc F-6 J F Egan
408	(4)		HAPPAONY HALL 17 (R Toolb) J Fanchaue 8-5
409	(13)		EFFERVESCENCE 14 (Gold Busies Synd) A Harmon 8-3 Dane O'Neil
410	(1D)		TOP OF THE WIND 15 (O.F.) () McGrath) J.J. (T Neill 7-13
411	(7)		DON SEBASTIAN 19 (BF) (Physimator) W Hagges 7-12 R Mullen (7)
412	(3)	62500	MANSIATTAN DIAMOND 10 (Nas 8 Higgars) A Barley 7-10 Ione Wands (7)
413	(2)		THE POUR ISLES 19 (H O'Compell) D Hayda Jones 7-10 F Norton
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602	(6)	215512	KEY TO MY HEART 36 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs. M Pickering) Mrss 5 Hall 6-9-4 J Weaver	93
603	(9)	11143	EVA LUNA 14 (C.D.F.S) (A Abdulla) H Carll 4-9-2 K Fallon	91
504	(4)	116250	KALABO 14 (D.F.S) (Godolphia) S bin Sureor 4-8-13 L Debtori	93
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606	(2)	066000	PUNESHMENT 20 (D.G.S) (A Richards) C Brittain 5-8-13 46 Roberts	98
507	Ø	313252	SHEER DANZIG 41 (F.G) (R Arculli) R Armstrong 4-8-13 M 198s	92
608	(1)	548100	POPPY CAREN 28 (D.F.G) (Mrs P Hams) P Hams 4-8-8	96
609	(5)	106144	FREEDIVENT 48 (D.F.S) (Fithodis Stud) L Current 3-8-7	90
610	(8)	366005	WEET-4-MIDNUTE 12 (F,G) (E Weekman) R Hollanshead 3-8 7 F Lysich	86
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3.30 TOTE CREDIT NOVEMBER HANDICAP

1	(15)	2-50424	OVERBURY 23 (F.G.S) (Gostolphin) S bin Surger 5-10-0 L Debtort	89
2	(20)	513018	BETTER OFFER 21 (D.F.6) (Nes W Samer) & Harmond 4-9-6 Par Edday	89
3	(10)	061-012	KUITA 14 (F.A.S) (H.A. Maktauro) R Armstrong 4-9-3 R Hills	8
4	(14)	633113	CLIFTON FOX 8 (C.F.G.S) (P and S Partners) J Glover 4-8-10 N Day	98
5	(24)	054-340	PENNY A DAY 14 (CD.F.G.S) (J Good) Mrs. M Raveley 6-8-7 K Darley	89
6	(13)	321103	CELESTIAL CHORR 44 (C.D.BF,F,G.S) (Mrs C Syles) J Eyre 6-8-5 . J Fortune	93
7	(161)	106343	DANCE SO SLITE 28 (D.BF.F.G.S) (1 Guttin) P Cole 4-8-4 T Quinn	91
8	(9)	302100	GAME PLOY 16 (F.G) (K Kycaston) () Haydo Jooes 4-8-3 S Sandara	93
9	(4)		DATO STAR 16 (BP) (K Riley) J Jefferson 5 8-3 K Fation	90
10	{1 3 j		ROM(OS 23 (G,S) (C Stracolac) P Cole 4-7-12 C Romer	97
11	(2)		NABHAAN 15 (D.F) (H Al Maldoum) D Morley 3-7-12	96
12	(3)		FAR AHEAD 31 (DJF,G,S) (Sunça). Potaloesi J Eyne 4-7-11 T Williams	91
13	[11]		SHADOW LEADER 29 (D,G,S) ij Blackstew) C Egenon 5-7-10 . L Chamack	89
14	(17)		TBN PAST SIX 14 (F) (J. Katcerley) M. Wane 4-7-10 F. Norton	90
15	(22)		GONE FOR A BURTON 16 (BF.F.S) (H Carrengton) P Malan 6-7-10 N Carliste	96
16	(ii)		PRESENT ARMS 26 (DJF) (F Sakman) P Cole 3-7-10 (4ex) J Count	
17	(6)		SUGAR MILL 14 (C,D,F,G,S) (C Buckley) Mrs M Reveley 6-7-10 () Whight (3)	
18	(23)		WILD RITA 14 (D.F.G) (Perspectorus Punters) Y/ Mait 4-7-10 P Doe (7)	
19	(21)		EDAN HEIGHTS 16 (D.S) (T Mountain) S Dow 4-7-10 (4ex) _ A Daty (5)	
20	(1)	452620	MEDYAN BLUE 15 (6) iK Palmel J Eustace 6-7-10 N Kerchedy	
21	(12)		HEART 35 (RF) (P Newton) 1.1 Strate 3-7-10 R Piresch (7)	
22	(5)		VORLA PREMIERE 30 (D.F.G) (8 Gauler) M Templores 4-7-10 . R Mullion (7)	
23	(6)	101201	HAYA YA KEFAAH 43 (CD.F.G) IA Craddock) N Babbaga 4-7-10. DOUBTFUL	74
24	(18)	062001	ASKERN 4 (F) (H D Dennell) D Hayon Jones 5-7-10 (4ex) N Variety (3)	74
			or A Buston 7-9, Present Arms 7-7, Surger Mill 7-5 Wild Ritz 7-4 Eden Hagdes 7-2 Voll 1 Premiere 6-10, Haya Ya Ketzah 6-8, Askem 6-6	7-4,
			4-1 Clinton Fox, 13-2 Dzio Star, 7-1 Present Arms, 14-1 Stractor Leader, Better Offer,	16.
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4.05 COALITE DRAGON HANDICAP

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1	(Z)		ORICHESTRA STALL 8 (D,G) (D Self) J Dundrop 4-10-3 T Quiton	90		
2	(5)		SEA VICTOR 16 (C,D,SF.F.G) (O Abell) J L Hans 4-8-11 L Destari	13		
3	(15)	322310	GENEROSA 59 (F) (F Sabren) H Candy 3-8-11	90		
٠ 4	(17)	52462-0	EXECUTIVE DESIGN 187 (BF.S) (i, Foster) Mrs 15 Revision 4-6-9 K Darley	89		
5	(A)	5516-00	TORICH VERT 217 (F.6) (P Greek) N Haller 4-8-8	90		
6	(6)	100020	LALROI 14 (D.F.G.S) (C Rarson) R Champion 5-9-5 A McSlose	93		
7	(14)	305040	NOUFARI 45 (G) (E Westman) R Hollinstead 5-8-3	96		
8	(10)	001111	SWEETNESS HERSELF 9 (G.5) (Mrs M Lavell) M Ryan 3-8-0 M Baard (3)	93		
9	(15)	034033	PARADISE NAVY 9 (B,C,D,F,G) (Elite Rating) C Egerton 7-3-0 . R Midden (7)	95		
10	(4)		BOWCLETE COURT 16 (D,G,S) 14 Spence) R Alphoral 4-7-13 1 Outon			
11	(13)		UNICLE DOUG 23 (D.F.S) (3 Sed) Mrs M Rendey 5-7-12 . L Charmack			
12	[12]	51-4600	DEBUTANTE DAYS 9 (B.F.S.) (Mr. 5 Brasher) C Egeston 4-7-11 . M. Henry (3)	96		
13	(11)		SHIFILEY SUE 33 (D.F.G) (Greenland Park) M Johnston 3-7-10 . F Nonton	90		
14	(9)		127A 16 (D.F.S) (D.B.Zev) W. Storey 5-7-10	88		
15	(3)	032410	LEPRHA 9 (G) (R Sangster) 8 Hills 3-7-10	29		
16	(f)	560433	KARISMA 15 (V Rope) Dery: Smoth 3-7-10 R Portich (7)	86		
17	(8)	050/4	OUTSET 225J (3) Killner) M Hammand 6-7-10	84		
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BETTING: 160-30 Contractor Stall. 5-1 Betrating Court. 6-1 Sargetness Historic, 7-1 Paradose Harry, 8-1 Sea Victor, 14-1 Unicle Doug. 16-1 Generosa. 20-1 others						
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1995: MERIT 3-7-9 J Centro (2-1 tay) P Cole 13 ran

FORM FOCUS					
CHESTRA STALL beat Leonato 1% in 11- ner used handscep at Newmarks (2m gcc)) A VECTOR head 2nd of 15 to Backsoods on which at Nothingham (2m gcod) with PARIA- E NAVY (3th better cth) 11% 3rd and 127A (3th so ofl) % 140. ECLITINE DESIGN mech 2nd of 5 to Tract to which at Redizar (1m 61, good) on persistenate t EETNESS HERSELF completed four-times, heat on Peniloss 13% in 17-number handeso at Not-	sugitatin (1m Gi, 2011) with PARADISE NAVY (4m) befor off) short-head and DESITIANTE DAYS (7h) befor off) 251 7h, and LEPSVIA 51 8m. SUWCLEFFE COURT bed Upper Galley 291 in 14-curser handicap at Newbury (2m, 20ff). LEPSVIA beat Observant 1541 in 20-center handicap at Pontetact (2m 2t, good) on persult-mate start. (3m 2t of 11 to Great Term in headicap at Donaster 11m Gi 132-nd, good). Selection: DRICHESTERA 57201				

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☐ Singspiel, the Michael Stoute-trained colt, and Paul Cole's Strategic Choice have been added to the European challenge for the Japan Cup a formight tomorrow. They join Helissio. Pentire and Zagreb in the 112-mile race in Tokyo.

THUNDERER 2.50 Minella Derby 3.25 Jet Boys 3.55 Phar From Punny 1.45 JET RULES (nap) 2.15 See More Business

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1.15 OSMUNGTON MILLS HOLIDAYS AND PERMIT

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9	105: 2m 1	10yd) (6 runners)	
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ı	2133-42	NEWLANDS-GENERAL 14 (O.G.S) (C Murphy) P Nectolls 10-11-3 A P McCoy	٩
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,	PF233-	BERLAMIN LANCASTER 190 (CD.6,5) (M Griffin) M Griffin 12-10-0. M Griffine (7)	8
i	23-3133	MORTHERN OPTIMIST 7 (D.F.G) (Machinish Sepater Club) B Liggraphya 8-10-0 R Johnson	8
i	PP3285-	OLLIVER DUCKETT 186 (Mis J Stanbottom) Mrs J Stanbottom 7-10-0 M Sharrad	8
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BETTUNG: 5-4 Newtands-General, 7-2 Northern Saddiar, 9-2 Natysan, 6-1 Benjamin Lancaster, 7-1 others

	1995; KIBHELT 8-12-0 A Maguste (4-1) P MORGE 8 (20		
7	FORM FOCUS		
6 19 10 6 17 25 29 6 29	MORTHERN SADDLER 15: 3rd of 5 to Gates Cava- for in hundicap chase at Ember (2m 2C, pood to aut) MENILANDS GENERAL 3rd 2cd of 9 to 2esector in handicap chase at Wortester (2m, good). MANSARY 23/4(4m of 11 to Around The Gate or toxice class at Banger (2m 11 1904, good to soit), BERLIANDN LANCASTER 3/4(12od of 6 in Aut 11 (1) rd, soit), NORTHERN OPTIMIST 22 3rd of 7 to fastern Magic in handicap chase at Wortester (2m, good). NEVILLANDS GENERAL, 19th better off) 1.5 4th. OLLIVER DUCKETT 57 2rd of 6 to Late Of Loughrez in novice class at Lodiow (2m, good to limit), Apr 98. Selection: NORTHERN SADDLER		
1.45 TOTE SILVER TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE BBC (£16.217: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)			
4	1 645P4 MUSE 16F (CD,G.S.) (Wate Horse Recing Left D Bearoth 8-11-10		

CENTA HAND WOVEN 35 (F) OM Archer & Mies I Brogdhardt N Teisbay-Davies 4 SPOT2-1 SUMANNAY PETE 7 (ELL F.G.); Strongdon M Pipo 6-10-0 (Sec) 453432 MEDITATOR 640 (EDL F.S.) (Genes Associates) & Limethyn 6-10-1 (Sec) 42501-1 TESH JAV 14 O.F.A.S.) (Genes Associates) & Limethyn 6-10-1 (Sec) 4271212 MYTTON'S CHOICE 15 (C.B.F.F.S) (6 Myron) D Michalson 6-10-0 ... A Lung handicap: Hand Woven 9-11, Runavay Pote 9-11, Madillator 9-10, Tenn Jay 9-9, Mytton's Cholon 9-6. TIMG: 7-4 Casalo Sweep, 5-1 Jel Rules, 6-1 Silver Stead, 7-1 Dr Lauril, 8-1 Mytton's Choise, Parnaway Pala 1 Tena Jay 12-1 others

1995: JEBBER THE KREBER 6-10-0 R Farrant (40-1) Mas J Placem 15 cm FORM FOCUS

OR LEUNT 23el 3nd (tater placed leef) of 26 to Kissan in grade I Daily Express Through Hardle at Cheffenham (2m 11, soll). Mar 95. CASTLE SWEED 81 and head 3rd of 27 to Indelence in grade.

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2.15 RISING STARS NOVICES CHASE (Gade IL £13,786: 2m 3! 110yd) (3 numers)

BETTING: 4-7 See More Business, 9-4 Buckhouse Boy,	5-1 Wee Windy. A Magazine (7-2) D Michalant & can
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BUCKHOUSE BOY 131 3rd of 16 to Pleasure Shared in grade I Belle Epoque Sellon Norices' Hundle at Ahmen (3m 110yd, good), SEE MORE	a Sandown (2m 64, good). WEE WREDY 144) 2nd of 12 to Bether Tomas Abstral behaudicast hotela at Challenboon (3m 110pd, good) on participant short.

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1995: GENERAL CRACK 5-11-0 A P INCOM (8-1) PREMINES · 片·藻类温度。 3.25 STAYERS NOVICES HURDLE (#2.824: 3m) (8 names) COUNTRY BLUE 217P (had & Co (Barmanous)) LID P McDale 3-17-J. A. P. McDay PERTSRIPERMASHMI, 14 (8) (Seets instructions) in Suppose 7-17-4 for J M. Pischard P. R. Mills Guidellin G (87) (R. George). Dischardson 3-17-0 Research P. R. Saller and R. Saller and R. Saller and LA CHAMICE 756F (A Weiter) Mrs. H. Trainn 6-17-0 Research PROCE 302 (45) (Those Pry Recting P Printer 6-17-1 R. Businesson P. J. Mills J. Mills P. R. Businesson P. J. Janes P. R. Saller and R. Saller and R. Businesson P. R. Busi

1996; PLEASURE SHARED 7-11-0 P Carbony [11-1] P Hobbs 16 ma معدا من الاصلا

progressive three-year-old 3.55 NUMBLE HANDICAP HUNDLE (£2,785: 2m 110yd) (6 numbers)

Long transferage Ster Diego Charger 9-7. 1995: LIGHTENING LAD 7-17-5 & Upton (4-1) J King 16 cm

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Gosden sets sights on Rome prize

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JOHN GOSDEN, the Newmarket trainer, sends Flemensfirth, three times successful in French group races. to Italy tomorrow for the group one Premio Roma. Frankie Dettori rides the fouryear-old, who will be suited by the forecast soft ground.

Clive Brittain's Needle Gun (Michael Roberts) and Michael Stoute's Sanoosea (John Reid) also tackle the tenfurlong contest, which has drawn a field of nine. Brittain's Acharne (Roberts). and Mark Johnston's Gothenberg (Jason Weaver) contest the group two Premio Ribot The Luca Cumani-trained

(one mile) on the same card. juveniles Barba Papa (Luca Panici) and Stillet (Mirco Demuro) tackle the one-mile Premio Palazetto at Milan, also tomorrow.

MONDAY: Carliste (first race, 1.00), Foliosoore (1.20), Wolverhampton (AW, 1.40). TUESDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 100), Ludlow (1.10), Sedgefield (12.50) WEDNESDAY: Kelso (1.50), Newbury (1.20), Worcester (1.00). (1.20), Worcaster (1.00).
THURSDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 1.10).
Taunton (1.00), Towoester (1.20)
FRIDAY: Ayr (12.55). Cheltenham (C4, 1.15), Lingfield Park (AW, 1.05).
SATURDAY: Ayr (12.35), Cheltenham (C4, 1.10), Huntingdon (1.00), Windson (1.10), Wolverhampton (AW, 7.00).
SURDAY: Cheltenham (C4, 1.05), Fontwell Park (12.50).
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2.05 K J PIKE & SONS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE | 110yd| (14 numbers) | 4476-3 - Marcial 17 F.S) (C. Grover) & Bucker 9-11-10 | B Powell 80 | 4476-3 - Marcial 17 F.S) (C. Grover) & Bucker 9-11-10 | B Powell 80 | 42759-1 TOSE) CLEAR (3.6) (8.6) February 100 | A Books 10-11-10 | D Buckers (7) - 8.03232 | GOD SPEED VOJ 166 68) (8.6) (8.6) February 100 | A Books 17-11-1 | J R Koversen) 94 | 648232 | CREDINGEN 231 (Mex S Grandbeat) | Greatment 8-11-1 | J Roberts 10 | P Holiny 98 | 62244 | GUR, MORO 17 (7) Roberts 10 | C Mischell 12-11-1 | S Marcial 98 | 62244 | GUR, MORO 17 (7) Roberts 14 (7) Bucker 13 | S Berrough 99 | PUR-S STORMHELL PEGENEL 14 (F. Bucker) 485 V Williams 7-10-1 | R Berrough 99 | PUR-S STORMHELL PEGENEL 14 (F. Bucker) 485 V Williams 7-10-1 | R Patient 1314-75 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Roberts 19-10-1 | February 19-10-10 | T J Marcial 99 | 1314-75 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Robert 9-10-1 | February 19-10-10 | T J Marcial 99 | 1314-75 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Robert 9-10-1 | February 19-10-10 | T J Marcial 99 | 1314-75 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Robert 9-10-1 | February 19-10-10 | T J Marcial 99 | 1314-75 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Robert 9-10-10 | February 19-10-10 | T J Marcial 99 | 1314-75 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Robert 9-10-4 | Phenby (3) | Phenby (3) | PUR-STORMER 19-10-10 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Robert 9-10-4 | Phenby (3) | PUR-STORMER 19-10-10 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Robert 9-10-4 | Phenby (3) | PUR-STORMER 19-10-10 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Robert 9-10-10 | Phenby (3) | PUR-STORMER 19-10-10 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Robert 9-10-10 | Phenby (3) | PUR-STORMER 19-10-10 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Robert 9-10-10 | Phenby (3) | PUR-STORMER 19-10 | TS GRAND 14 (5) (600 & West Robert 9-10 | Phenby (3) | PUR-STORMER 19-10 | PROBET 9-10 | PRO SETTING: 7-2 Maries Gossio, 9-2 God-Speed You, 5-1 The Brod, 6-1 its Good, 10-1 Tiger Clair, 12-1 Mingus Storobill Pligran, 14-1 others. 1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE 2.35 WEST COUNTRY HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,540: 2m 6f) (8 runners) BETTBIR 5-2 Langdowne, 7-2 Entropy, 9-2 Spatisting Yassan, 6-1 System, Blasfell Here, 8-1 Judich, 12-1 others. 1995: EVER SWELE 8-11-11 J Lower 19-49 M Pipe 6 nm 3.10 BADGER BEER HANDICAP CHASE (£13,688; 3m 1f 110yd) (9 runners) 2324-12 SIRAMT 24 (F.S.) ID Yandy K Balley 8-11-12 JOSTome 91
4421-22 SIRAMT 14/6 7 (CD.F.S.S.) Blv D. Paterson) P. Michaels 9-17-10 Mr J Tizzard (7) 91
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445340 - WELL STREETE 24 T.F.S.) (F. March J Demails 7-11 Mr J Tizzard 9-17-13 Mr J Revolution 9-17-13 Mr J R Kennangh 9-17-1 BETTMES: 9-4 Straight Talk, 9-2 Sternot, 5-1 Coome Hill, 6-1 Service, Run Lip The Flag, 8-1 Big Ben Dun, 16-1 Georges, Sepanneb, 14-1 others 1995: TUG OF PEACE 8-10-11 B CEStord (16-1) G Baiding 6 nm FORM FOCUS GLEMOT 31 2nd of 5 to General Command In-landicap classe at Wellinsby (2ns 41 110pt, good to Smyl. STRAMGHT TALK 81 2nd of 5 to Exclusion in handicap chase at Associ (3ns 110pt, good in Smyl. GARRISON SAVAINAN 411 3nd of 5 to One Man in conditions chase at Hagdook (3ns, good) Sec. 95, with WELL BRIGHED (4th batter off) 19ki 4th. COOME HILL best Andrews 7n to 8-namer academics handicap chase at Chellenham (3ns 11, good to fam). RUN UP THE FLAG 17kil 3nd of 22 In Stop The Viction in auxisters handlarp chace all Coeffestern (Sin 11, good to soft). Provincely 1294 4th of 9 to Anhar's Manufer in handlarp chace at Sandown Care 11010, good to soft) with TUS OF PEACE (1th better oil) 1941 5th 2816 BEN DURI best STRAIGHT TALK (Sib better oil) 22 in handlard chace at Kampton (Sha, good) on percellinate start. SAMLET best fandst Caselier 1941 in sovice burdin at Easter De 281 coach on family.

THUNDERER

(£3,469; 2m) (5)

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Going: soft

1.00 (7) 1, HANDSOME RIDGE (J Carroll,
20-11; 2, Nirah Chord (W Ryan, 7-1); 3, Bint
Beladee (L Detton, 11-4 tex). ALSO RAN: 5
valegatore (8th), 7 Parts, 8 Just Grand, 10
Avesh, Royal Castle, 14 Nash Pount (5th),
Tol Yol (4th), Wirser Garden, 18 Shades of
Love, 20 Ewer Arrangement, File Major,
Hover Golf Magic, 25 Briggs Turn, 33 Chef
Predator, Sture Button, Start, Taradale, 20
ran. 11, hd, 41, 114, 19 J Gosden et
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21.50. DF: £121.50. Thio: £92.40. CSF:
£173.28.

1.30 (6) 1, SOVIET STATE (J Plaid, 8-5

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1.30 (8) 1, SOVIET STATE (J Reid, 8-5 fau); 2, Nor-Do-I (P Bloomfeld, 33-1); 3, Wild Sky (S Drowns, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 9-2 Stamp, 6 Nariskin (eth), 8 Share Delight (8th), 19 Kopolisav, 20 Bicton Park, Plying Thetch, Gactroon, 33 Bright Gold, Crosby Nod, Elle Lamees, Jey-Owe-Two, Safly Green, Van Chino. 17 ran. Nt: See Ya Malks, 31, 114, hd, 234, sh hd. P Chappig-Hyam at Marton. Tota: £2.10; £1.10, £15.20, £5.80. DF. 548.30, Trio: £23.10 (part wort; pool of £452.65 carried forward to 3.30 at Doncaster lodey). CSF. £34.55.

CS4.56.
2.00 (tim 6f 132yd) 1, PRUSSIAN BLUE (W Pyan, 11-4 p-lav); 2, Poltari (L. Detton, 11-4 p-lav); 3, Further Pight (M Hills, 11-4 p-lav). ALSO RAN: 3 Pupple Splash (4ff), 33 Padiala (Sth), 5 ran. Sh.hd, 3, 5, dist. H Cecil at Newmarket, Totas: 23.30; £1.70, £1.70. DF 24.30, CSF: 50.72

DF E4.30. CSF: 50.72

2.90 (fm 26 byd.) 1. RUSSIAN SNOWS (L. Detion, 5-2 §-fav); 2. Caussionia (K. Falion, 10-1); 3. Highland Gill (K. Darley, 5-2 §-fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Parox Jungle (AH), 8 Miss Unwessel, 9 Papeira (Rh), 12 Berenice, 14 Ormara, 20 Story Line (Sh), 9 Pan 3NJ, 6L sh. hd, 11-4, nk. 5 bin Surpor at Newmarket. Totar: E3.10; E1.10, E2.60, E1.30. DF. £19.40. Trio: £10.40. CSF: £28.65

S.00 (5h 1, MYRMIDON (I. Detton, 7-1); 2, Figite (I. Chamock, 25-1); 3, Royal Blackbird (P. Mullen, 7-2 fav), ALSO RAN; 5 Express Girl, 13-2 Murgo Patr, 7 Sally Behaviour, 12 Regal Equity, Sarabi, 14 Sous Le Nez (6th), William's Well (4th), 16 Whisep Chen, 20 Nomore Mr Miceguy (5th), 25 Molly Drummond: 13 ran NR; Molly Music, 31, 11, 151, hd, 151, Dunlop at

Trais, 10-1 Maneste, 12-1 Non Vi

5-4 Plunder Bay, 2-1 Arcancio, 4-1 Grooving, 8-1 Aprojecti, 20-1 Full OI Tricks.

1.55 LONDON RACING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE

kton Stat.: 11-4 Czack On. 9-2 Litchtening Lad. 7-1 Konssistel Pel. 8-1

3.45 TANGLEFOOT ELITE HURDLE (Grade II: £12,860: 2m) (8 runners) 512013/ ARASHAM BIXLD 556 (CD.F.G.S) (A Proce) R. Juckes 8-10-12 P Hotley — 20232-5 DREAMS BIXLD 556 (CD.F.G.S) (A Proce) R. Juckes 8-10-12 R. Farzant, 88 PO4113- BROUND NUT 203 (CD.F.S) (Alex R Hischer) R Bucklet 8-10-12 B. Powell 85-14-10 HARD TO REAMS 16 (4) Mixacel R Hodges 16-10-12 Tops.combe 8-424-221 SPACE TRUCKER 44 (D.G.S) (Mas R Heaving 16-10-12 Tops.combe 85-10-10 P Harley (2014) R Mass 1-10-11 P Harley (2014) R Mass 1-10-11 P Harley (2014) P HARLEY (2014) P HARLEY (2014) P HARLEY (2014) R SUBS 112670 - ESKIND NEL 14" (D.G.S) 6**C Creace Recorp J Spezing 5-16-7 R Subs 18-4244-1 MASTRESETT 15 (D.G.S) (J Doggan) N Tweston-Daoes 4-10-7 C Lievenlyn 97 BETTIMES, 7-4 Mistinguest, 7-2 Hops And Pops, 4-1 Estaton No., 6-1 Dreams End., 7-1 Space Trucker, 8-1 Ground Not, 12-1 others. 1985. ATOURS 7-11-2 P Holley (4-7 (av) D Elsesoft 3 ran FORM FOCUS ARABIAN BOLD best Kilcach 2I in a 4-renner fimilized handicap hundle at Accel (2m 110pd, Ram) on presidente stant. Apr 95 DREAMS END, recent witeser or the Fish, next 2pd of 19 to Trape Hero to the grade N Switchon Handscap Heroite at Haydock (2m, good) on presidential hundle stant May 96. GROUND NUT 101 3rd of 11 to Sawez in a handicap hundle stant May 96. She of 19 to Trape (2pd May 10 pd Ma 4.15 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW OPEN NATIONAL HURT FLAT

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(£6,743: 3m 110yd) (5)

BETTRICK 7-2 Dancetibyouthop, 4-1 Quan Eagle, 5-1 Stellar Force, 7-7 Dark Challenger, 8-1 Lady Rebesco, 10-1 Westhorth, 14-1 others.

1995: KORSHITSBRIDGE SCOT 4-17-2 S Michiell (12-1) A Bebbage 10 rae

CHEPSTOW: 3.25 Eventsinternashnal. 3.55 Moment Of Glory DONCASTER: 2.25 Double Quick. 2.55 Election Day. SANDOWN PARK: 12.55 Sterling Fellow. UTTOXETER: 12.40 A) Hela), My Handsome Prince, Sant Amigo. 1.40 Nukud, Robsera. WINCANTON: 3.10 Big Ben Dun.

3.00 GUNPOWDER PLOT HANDICAP CHASE



Danoli continues chasing education

TWO of Ireland's best National Hunt horses are in action over the weekend. Danoli, fourth in the Champion Hurdle in March, continues his education over fences in the Quinns of Naas Novices' Chase at Naas today. After a comfortable victory at Clonmel last week, the Tom Foley-trained eight-year-old will be a warm order to follow up. Klairon Davis will be an even hotter

3.20 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Abbeytands (N Williamson, 7-2 J-lev); 2, Bellyline (7-2 J-ten); 3, Kitulia (5-1), Show Yous Hand 7-2 J-ten); 11 ran. 3%], 81, J. Johnson, Tote \$4.20, 22.60, C1.00, \$3.20 DF: \$4.80 Tno: \$19.60. CSF: \$18.32. Tricast: \$62.65

CSF: 2, (a.c. triess tector) 3.50 (2m hole) 1, Apollo's Daughter (A Dobbin, 6-1); 2, Pangeran (2-1 lav); 3, Totao (6-1), 7 ran. 2%, 31 J Goulding, Tota: \$13.00; \$3.90, \$3.10 DF: \$26.60 CSF \$20.87.

1.10 (2m 81 110 yd hdie) 1, General Moulktar (A P. McCoy, 4-1); 2, Victoria Day (16-1); 3, Pru's Profiles (12-1); Sovereign Gri 9-4 lav. 16 ran. 71, %I. M. Pipe. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £4.50, £4.10. DF: £40.50 Tro. £86.20. CSF. £88 15.

2.10 (2m Si ch) 1, Micherado (R Johnson, 4-1); 2, Bironi (3-1 fav); 3, Desari Brave (16-1), 10 ran, 4l, 4l, 5 Brookshaw Tole: 53 90; 21, 40, 02-00, 24 40, DF C50, Tro 256,70, CSF £15.59 Tricest £157.07.

2.40 (2m hde) 1, Bassenhally (R Marley, 13-2); 2, Ragamulfin Romeo (9-4 (av); 3, Prussis (9-1), 9 ran. 1-kl, 7 Mrs. P.Sty Toto 57.00; 52.00, 51.10, 52.40, DF: 515.50, Tric 23.70 CSF \$30.75 Tricast \$109.86.

3.10 (2m ch) 1. Mulligan (A Maguire. 4-9 tay): 2, Flaming Miracle (33-1); 3, Scottlen Barrior (10-1). 7 ran. 6t, 3141 D Nicholson. Tote, 51 60; 51 50, 52 60, DF 512-50 CSF 513-96.

2.13.96. 3.40 (2m 4f 110yd hdie) 1, Deymist (R Dunwoody, 8-1), 2, High Grade (10-1), 3, Pharare (15-8 lev) 6 ten Ns, 41, D Gandolfo. Tote: £3.40, £1.60, £3.90, DF £15.90, CSF: £28.47

28.47
4.10 (3m 110)/d hote) 1, Elburg (M A Rizgeretci, 14-1); 2, Ballindoo (4-1); 3, Mr Rutis (12-1). Apachtes Riower 9-4 tay. 12 ran. NR. Roste-8 10, 61 T George, Tote; 210.60; 52.70, 52.00, 55.00. Dr: 525.40. Tro: 5286.00 CSF: 559.37. Tricast: 6561 98.

Quadoot, £7.80.

Placepot £28.70.

Placepot: £18.20.

Uttoxeter

Going: good

6-4 Wade Road, 5-1 Prototype, The Brownester, 8-1 Forest Mask, 10-1 others.

favourite to beat two rivals on his seasonal reappearance at Leopardstown tomorrow. The winner of the Arkle Trophy and Queen Mother Champion Chase at the last two Cheltenham Festivals should defy top-weight of 12st in the Commology Handicap Chase over two miles and one furlong.

Mixed blessing of buying a round for Tyson Perhaps the most in-triguing aspect of the SIMON BARNES orgy of pan-galactic box-

ing championships this weekend is the initiative taken by the cable television company. Cable Systems Corp, which claims to have 2.8 million subscribers in and around Cleveland, Ohio. Naturally, this involves the phenomenon of pay-per-view.

Now, the thing is with boxing, and most especially with bouts featuring Mike Tyson, is that you never know how much you are getting. A bout may last no more than a few seconds. So if you buy a ten-round bout that lasts for one punch and a count of ten. you might be a little miffed.

Cable Systems are permitting subscribers to buy as many rounds as they like of the meeting between Tyson and Evander Holyfield tonight, at \$9.95 a round. The only thing is, you have to place your order in advance. The maximum punt allowed is for five rounds and upward, at a mere \$49.95.

Not everybody is ecstatic about this. A referee is always hated for stopping a bout. He invariably does so either too soon or too late, and the money's worth of punters has a lot to do with this. Joe Ralston, lawyer for the Nevada State Athletic Commission, under whose auspices the bout is run, said: "The commission is concerned about the public perception about the sport of



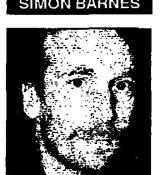
Hear we throw

The most important record in football is, of course, that for the longest throw-in. 1 am . Demolition derby proud to announce that Andy Legg, of Birmingham City, has just broken his own world record, improving from 40.54 metres to 44.54 metres. He managed this majestic feat in a throw-in competiton organised by Total Football magazine (fans of Vinnie Jones can comfort themselves with the thought that Vinnie goes for accuracy off a flut trajectory rather than simple distance). The inaptly-named Legg said: "I don't really know why I am able to throw a ball so far. I used to play a lot of decent standard tennis and you bend your back considerably when serving. Perhaps that's where the power comes from."

Queue for action

Women in MCC: it's both a lot closer and a lot further than you think. A working party under Charles Robins is to report to the MCC general purposes sub-committee on its findings about the possibilities of a female membership.

Robins says that he is "open-minded", adding that the subject of lottery money (MCC cannot get any partly because it will not allow women) "may have highlighted the issue, but I am not going to be bullied by it", whatever that means. But there is a problem with the



On Saturday

idea of jumping women up the famous 20-year waiting list. Some are inclined to predict the election of a couple of "honorary" — don't, whatever you do, say "token" - women members. And the rest go to the back of the queue, which neatly disposes of the problem for at least 20 years. Can we have our lottery money now

Diego on line

Diego update: the dear boy, purely out of the love and respect he has for the ladies and gentlemen of the media, has decided to become a journalist himself. Diego tells us he will work as an interviewer for a local television station that has exclusive rights to show the matches in which he plays. This would be a better deal for the company if Diego were actually playing any matches. He has not played for his club, Boca Juniors, for two months, though he has said that he would like to play for them "once" before the year

"Instead of playing I'll do a series of special pro-grammes he said. He says he will interview Fidel Castro and Nelson Mandela; Diego and Fidel are old buddies and Diego has often said that he would like to live in Cuba when he retires. So what about one last match, Diego? "I haven't decided to have a farewell match because I'm very sensitive," he said. "I cry

One need never be bored when one watches football in the Maracañá. Hear about the latest match in Brazil's ancient and majestic stadium, a Rio derby between Botafogo and Vasco da Gama? Tulio scored for Botafogo, apparently miles offside but the referee. George Travassos, let it stand. The Vasco manager, a parttime policeman named Antonio Lopes, invaded the pitch. was restrained by the opposition bench and sent off by the ref. The Vasco vice-president, Eurico Miranda (weight 17st), then staged a ponderous pitch invasion of his own and held up play for 20 minutes while the ref cowered in his dressing-room.

Eventually, Travassos was persuaded to return - whereupon he started whistling everything in Vasco's favour. An equaliser was scored, and then Edmundo "The Animal" scored for Vasco, a goal even further offside than the one that caused all the trouble in the first place. Whereupon another pitch invasion took place, this one led by the Botafogo president, Carlos Augusta. At the final whistle. the Botafogo players advanced on the ref for an intellectual discussion, but he managed to escape. So a linesman got a kicking instead.

BOWLS

Scotland pair on target

The Royal Bank of Scotland

ENNY LOGAN and Alex Marshall, of Scotland, shrugged off being caught in the middle of a gun battle between armed robbers and the Royal Hong Kong Police on Thursday to qualify for the quarter-finals of the Manulife Regent International Pairs Classic at Kowloon yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes). Logan and Marshall, the holders, were on the green for

Zimbabwe 19-17, Ireland 20-14 and, ironically, a team from the Hong Kong Police, 24-16. Andy Wills and Stuart Airey, of England, who also witnessed the gun battle, in which one robber was shot dead, suffered their second defeat, a 22-20 reverse against Bill McMahon and Noel Kennedy, the Hong Kong internationals.

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1.00 King Pin. 1.30 Solomon's Dencer. 2.05 Jock's Gross. 2.40 Kitcolgan. 3.10 Done Well. 3.45

GOING GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

HORT HOVICES HURDLE (Chaliher £2,295: 2m) (10 runners)

\$1.00 European Breeders fund National

1.30 TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES CHASE

2,853: ZTT 110707 (-7)

1 C-12 BLUE CHARM 25 (D.BF.F; Mr. S Bradoune 5-11-9. R Sentry
2 5-41 DOWN THE FELL 14 (F.G.S) J Housed Johnson 7-11-9
N Williamson

1 65-1 GOLDEN HELLO & OLF G.SI T Easterly 5-11-7 L West
4 13-1 SOLOMON'S DANCER 14 (G) & Rebards 5-71-9 A Doubles
5 63-3 SHAWWELL 14 (F S) J Doubles 3-11-3 B Storey

909- ATTADALE 188 (C.D.F.G.S) 1 Limps 9-12-0 ... M Foster

1012 THLLYMAGGER 7 (CD.F.G.) 6 Moore 9-11-13 ... J Calleghan

10-1 JOOKS CRISSS 14 (D.G.S.) 6 Returns 5-71-1 A Doktor

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5 045 Crasslay STREET 7 (8.6.5.) W Kemp 7-10-3. S McDungsi

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E-4 Security S Carron, 9-4 Bolden Helte, 5-1 Door Basfel, 5-1 Blue Charm & S Carron, 9-4 Bolden Helte, 5-1 Door Basfel, 5-1 Blue Charm & S Carroll

2.05 JACKDAW HANDICAP HURDLE

12.40 PRO FASTENERS MAIDEN HURDLE

(Div I: £1,987: 2m) (14 nanners)

CHASE (£6,827: 2m 51) (6)

(Dev II. £1,977: 2m) (13)

THUNDERER

Charming Gale.

(\$2,853: 2m 110yd) (5)

(23,355: 3m) (5)

12.40 Swan Street. 1.10 Call It A Day. 1.40 Southern Nights. 2.10 Sallor Jim. 2.45 Jack Tanner. 3.20 Pheraneer. 3.50 Yubralee.

1: £1,987: 2m) (14 nimers)
9-5 AL HELAT (M) Lierbins 4-11-5 RT Egen (7)
9- BARTON SCAMP 189 S Brodeline 4-11-5 Teley
9- BLUE LUERAN 8 M Byroll 4-11-5 D Bandley
55-9 CAVIL 147 W Clay 4-11-5 A Thomson
9- DASHRING DANCET 21 A Forber 5-11-5 Gary Lyone
9KTATION 17F JJ 078-88 4-11-5 A Roche
FASTING SOIL 04F M Usber 4-11-5 F Lesby (8)
9KERN GREEN GESENT 100F 0 Shemmod 5-11-5 D Bridgewise
KNAMP OF DAMAGNOS 435F R Aley 4-11-5 W Michael Breven (8)
MONTY 75F 6 Tardley 4-11-5 Michael Breven (9)
95 SARN AMISO 25F (7) R Whiteher 4-11-5 R-Bellamy
65 SARN AMISO 25F (7) R Whiteher 4-11-5 D Front (8)
5-5 SWAM STREET 21 C Mans 5-11-5 D Front (9)
Front Gene Desort, 7-1 Swam Street (10-1 Know 07 Damonds, Fasting Gold

4-6 Gaten Green Desert, 7-1 Swan Street, 10-1 Kopus Of Demondas, Fasting Gold, 14-1 Al Helal, Saint Amago, 20-1 others.

1.10 DERBY EVENING TELEGRAPH HAMDICAP

5-4 Frying Again, 9-4 Cyll B A Day, 7-1 Bluest Day, 8-1 Aller Bossig, 10-1 All The Aces, 14-1 Lord Gyllane

> 1.40 PRD FASTENERS MAIDER HUNDLE

THUNDERER

7-4 Valuation: 5-2 Market, 3-1 Street and Ellin, 5-1 January Partitionals, 14-1 Mulligan begins to repay investment

2.10 MASON RICHARDS HANDICAP CHASE

1 Ari- MASTHANESSWIG 443 R.F.S.) D Michaeson 10-12-0 A Magaine 2 3P-2 ROMANY CREEK 13 (V.F.S.) J Petros 7-11-9 D Bridgeniter 3 11-5 DIOT'S LADY 273 (D.G.S) Mr. J Petros 7-11-9 D D Bridgeniter 4 AG- FAST THOUGHTE 301 (F.B.S) D Bandrid 9-11-3 D Parts (3) 5 321- RECTIONY GANDEN 225 (D.D.S.) I Foster 7-11-2 A Thouston 7 DP-F RALDRIMS SKY 55 (5) C Brooks 9-10-12 D Gallagher

7-4 klint's Lady, 7-2 Musikovassen, 9-2 Reckey Garden, 5-1 Remany Creek, 7-1 Flortda Sky, 10-1 Fast Teorgide, 14-1 Sallor Jan.

2.45 STAINLESS THREADED FASTENERS 10TH

8-11 Jack Tamer, 7-4 Male A Shael, 7-1 Bletschhom Bard, 33-1 Margais.

3.20 EUROFAST PETROCHEMICAL SUPPLIES

NOVICES CHASE (£3,859: 3m) (6)

1 11-1 MAKE A STAND 21 6-6.5) M Ppc 5-11-4 M Dwys: 2 47-1 BETSCHAORN BARD 14 (5) D Garatilo 5-11-0 D Forti 3 24-1 JACK TAMBER 9 (6) D Nicholon 7-11-0 A Magnite 4 MANASIS S Brooletan 5-11-0 TBry

4-6 Pleatiner, 5-1 Jeffera, 6-1 Lorna-Gail, 7-1 Den Du Cadran, 16-1 Lock Gestant Hotel, Aftest Solt II.

3.50 DERBY EXPRESS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,710: 2m) (6)

ANNIVERSARY CLASSIC NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £9,600: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

(£3,859: 3m 2f) (7)

MULLIGAN took the first steps towards repaying his price tag with an impressive round of jumping to win the Undergear Terra Tire' Novices' Chase at Uttoxeter yesterday. The David Nicholson-trained six-year-old, a company over hurdles. "He's jumped fences like that from day one," Nicholson said. "He's done everything that was asked of him today and we'll keep him at two miles for the time

2.40 PEATY SANDY HANDICAP CHASE

£100,000 purchase out of Mouse Morris's yard in Ireland, had run well in top class novice

£4,463: 3R1 6f) (8)

1 30-4 GRANGE BRANE 35 (F,8,5) N Teiston-Diseas 10-11-7

2 8F0- NITO THE RED 224 (CD,6,5) No. 34 Remby 12-11-3. P Noon

3 21-2 JEE WHITE 7 (F,6) J Howard Johnson 10-11-2. N Williamson

4 31P1 ROYAL VACATION 7 (F,6) & Moco 7-10-9... J Calegians

5 244- VOLDOLGAN 207 (F,6) No. 3 Boodfellow 9-10-0... G Catall (3)

8 22-6 GOLDEN FROLE 7 (5) J Chee 8-10-9.................. B Storey

7 12-5. SINCE OF HILL 21 (BF,6,5) Mics S Backbarre 11-10-0... G Labe (3)

8 PUZU OFF THE BRU 21 (F,8,5) Mics S Backbarre 11-10-0... G Labe (3)

9-4 Reyel Vacadien, 5-2 Grange Brake, 5-1 Joe Wilder, 8-1 Into The Red, Kilcolgan, 18-1-Golden Fiddle, 12-1 others.

17-4 Durect Risels, 3-1 Marchant May, 4-1 Home Counties, 6-1 Thombay Gale, 7-1 Our Kost, 8-1 Done Well, 18-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSPRS. Not M. Romainy, 28 minors into 125 quenes, 22.4%; 6 Rednards, 12 man 58, 20.7%; M. Hayamand, 15 into 105, 14.3%; May J. Goodhallow, 3 into 23, 13.0%; G. M. Maoora, 8 into 63, 12.7%; R. Alban, 3 into 24, 12.5%.

OCACYS. N Williamson, 6 winters from 18 rides, 33.3%; P Heint, 39 from 119, 25.4%; P Gently, 8 from 45, 17.0%; A S Smelt, 9 from 17, 17.6%; L Wyer, 15 from 90, 16.7%; T Read, 13 from 80, 16.3%; B Handing, 6 from 42, 14.2%.

3.10 EKBALCO HANDICAP HURDLE

3,45 SWIFT HANDICAP CHASE

1-6 Sasby John, 7-4 Channing Gale, 9-2 Circus Cannon.

2.30 SOUTH EAST RACECOURSE OF THE YEAR HANDICAP CHASE (£4,811: 2m 4f 110yd) (5) 3 5-23 CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 34 (D.BF.F.B) G Barding 6-11-7. P Hide 4 835- KBBG CREDO 187 (D.F.B.S) S Woodman 11-11-5. J F Tibey 5 12-P SHAARED 148 (D.F.B) 1 Barding 8-10-11. 6 Bradley 5-4 Stong Madicine, 7-2 Golden Spireer, 5-1 Conti D'Estruval, King Credo, 7-1 Stoorid **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAMERS: G Harmood, 8 winners from 17 namers, 35.3%, Miss H Knight, 6 lines 25, 24.0%; J Od. 6 lines 50, 20.0%; M Pipe, 9 from 55, 16.4%; J Gillord, 20 lines 123, 16.3%; P Robins, 4 lines 32, 12.5%; G Balding, 7 lines 60, 11 7%; C Brooks, 4 lines 39, 10.3%.

JOCKEYS: J Tiley, 4 wisners from 15 rides, 25,7%; C Masida, 4 from 22, 18,2%; P Hide, 9 from 68, 13,6%; 6 Beadley, 7 from 63, 11,1%. Only qualifier.

HESULTS FROM WESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Tricest: 9978.56.
3.30 (1m) 1, CATIENUS (K Darley, 5-2); 2, Surbeam Dance (J Raid, 7-1); 3, Kateer Kache (O Utrains, 7-1) ALSO RAN-5-6 law Bold Demand (4th), 14 Mogrt Mirage (5th), 50 Catities Flower (6th), 5 ran. Hd, 61, VI, sh hd, dist. M Stoute at Newmarket. Toter 92.70; E18.40.

21.10. 21.10. 22.10. 22.10. 22.10. 22.10. 22.10. 20

Jackpot: £7,100.00 (0.1 winning tickets. Pool of £4,851.60 carried forward to Doncaster today). Placepot: £26.70. Quadpot: £10.70.

Going: good to firm
1.20 (2m # 110yd ch) 1, Buyers Dream (G Cahi, 9-2; 2, Crathy Chaplain (3-1 s-law); 3, Forward Gien (5-1). Willie Sperkie 3-1 s-law; 3, Forward Gien (5-1). Willie Sperkie 3-1 s-law; 6 ran. 4t, 144. B Eliscon. Tore: 25 40: 52-40. 51.80. DF: 55.00. CSF: £17.43
1.50 (2m 4* 110yd hole) 1. Beggars Barquet (B Grattan, 10-11 fav); 2, Papersung (6-4); 3, The Next Weltz (9-1) 9 ran. NFC Chef Gale. 14, 20. P Beaumord. Tote: £1.80; £1.00, £2.00. £4.00 DF: £1.70. Tho: £8.30. CSF: £27.6
2.20 (3m 11 ch) 1, Gerns Lad (F Gues, 7-1); 2, Commander (5-1), 3, Paracare Pronce (5-2 tad) 8 ran. NFC Alleston Lad. 91, 314 Mrs. S. Smith Tore: £3.90; £1.80 (2-40, £1.50. DF: £14.30. Tho: £00.00 CSF: £29.81.
2.50 (2m 4f 110yd hole) 1, Bette Rose (A Dobbin, Evens law); £ (Kingo Mirstrad (23-1), 3, Anfanticism (5-1). 12 ran. 31, 101 G Richards Tote: £1.90; £1.80 CSF: £26.28 Trucest £1.29.88.

Hexham

Going: good to Simi

AFTER all the exhaustion of fighting a losing battle, Scotland may almost be surprised to find that a greater contest still lies ahead of them. Tomorrow at Ibrox, they play Sweden in a World Cup qualifier that could take them to the top of group four. Only now is a football match making a belated bid to muscle its way back onto the

So far, there has been far greater discussion of the decision by Fifa, the world ruling body, to order a replay of the Estonia versus Scotland match that could not go ahead last month after the home team failed to turn up. Gary McAllister, the Scotland captain, was supposed to serve a suspension in that game and Fifa ruled that the ban should now be applied to tomorrow's

The Scottish Football Association (SFA) spent yesterday attempting to appeal against that verdict, believing that, in these peculiar circumstances. it would be fairer if McAllister missed the restaged match with Estonia. An SFA spokes-man said that Flfa was "thinking seriously" about the matter, but last night there was still no news of a change

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, said he would be happy to pick the Coventry City midfield player even if notice of his availability only came through 90 minutes before kick-off at Ibrox. As it is, Brown's plans for the game have been of a provisional nature, with different line-ups being prepared in training, them employing

That irritating necessity is typical of a distracting week for Scotland. Brown has at-

RESULTS: Sweden 5 Belarus 1; Austria O Scotland C. Belarus 1 Estoma O; Latvia 1 Sweden 2; Latvia 0 Scotland 2 Estonia 1 Belarus 0, Belarus 1 Latvia 1; Sweden 0 Austria 1; Estonia v Sootland — malch shardroad In the retrieved

tempted to keep his squad's minds fixed on the game with Sweden, but that requirement makes a vast demand of their powers of concentration. In one respect, however, reflection on the Estonia decision could hone their appetite for

tomorrow's encounter. The World Cup organising committee that made the ruling was chaired by a Swede, Lennart Johansson, and the propriety of his participation in discussions has been questioned by the SFA. Brown is eager that the meeting with Sweden should not be portrayed as a grudge match,



but he could not help but appreciate the value of a grievance.

"In adversity," he said, "Scotland are, in the best sense, a fighting team. I'm not talking about fisticuffs. I mean that we battle with heart and head." Emotional issues made for a more comfortable topic than the selection of a side for

McAllister is unlikely to be available and, with Stuart McCall injured, the midfield must be reconstructed. Billy McKinlay, Craig Burley and

GROUP FOUR

perarus v sconano. Aug 20: Estonia v Austria, Belarus v Sweden Sept 6: Austria v Sweden; Lanva v Estonia. Scotland v Belarus Sept 10: Belarus v Austria; Sweden v Lanva. Oct 11: Austria v Belarus; Sweden v Estonia; Scotland v

Paul Lambert all come into contention, but the greatest onus in that area will now lie with John Collins. Fifa yesterday rejected Celt-

ic's claim for a transfer fee for the player, whom the club believe to have left the EC when he joined AS Monaco. A statement from Celtic said that "the matter will not be laid to rest on the basis of Fifa's prononcement today". Once the appeal process has been exhausted, the issue could be the subject of legal proceedings.

Tomorrow, however, the scrutiny of Collins will come from the 49,000 people inside forox. The fact that the game has been sold out demonstrates a revival of interest in the national team. It would be ironic if Scotland were to fail now, having so often succeeded, in recent years, while being ignored by most of the public.

Sweden are enigmatic opponents. They finished third at the 1994 World Cup, but then failed to qualify for the 1996 European championship Last month, they were beaten at home by Austria and they must avoid defeat in Glasgow if they are to protect their remaining pros-pects in group four. Neverthess, their talented players feature on the books of Europe's leading clubs. After a week of unpleasant surprises, Scotland are not quite sure what to expect at lbrox.

☐ Rangers last night decided not to appeal against a fourmatch Uefa suspension handed to Paul Gascoigne after he was sent off in the 4-1 defeat by Ajax in Amsterdam last month for kicking Winston Bogarde. Rangers will not appeal against the sentence nor a fine of around £2.500 from Uefa. European football's governing body, for their side's poor disciplinary record in that European Cup Champions' League fixture.

SCOTLAND (3-6-2): J Leighton (Hibernan)
— C Calderwood (Iotterham Hosspur), C
Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), T Boyd (Celtic)
— J*McNamara (Celtic), C Burley (Chal-



Brown, taking Scotland training yesterday, has a deeper knowledge of the international game than some more famous predecessors

Canny operator smiles through setbacks

1958 and 1962, Scotland have frustratingly tended to be less than the sum of their parts. It is to the credit of Craig Brown, their present manager, that international calibre, he has consistently created teams in which two plus two has made

This is something that Matt Busby, Andy Beattie, Ian McColl, Jock Stein, Bobby Brown, Tommy Docherty, Willie Ormand, Ally McLead, Alex Ferguson and Andy Rox-burgh seldom managed to achieve. The best team of all, in the Baxter-Law era, were admittedly most unlucky to lose a qualifying play-off in 1962 to Czechoslavakia, eventual finalists.

Brown's equation for leading his team to the finals in France has suffered a double blow this week, with the decision by Fifa that the should be replayed - predictable, but tough on Scotland and that McAllister, suspended for that match, must fulfil David Miller says although Scotland's manager works with limited playing resources he has achieved enviable results

his suspension in tomorrow's important home tie against Sweden, the group leaders. The setbacks will not reduce Brown's unobtrusive optimism. Although he has a squad which, he admits, lives in the hope rather than the expectation of scoring goals. he will not deviate from his management philosophy with players throughout the past 15

> "To be organised, but to be happy, he says, with that smiling, benign expression reminiscent of Michel Hidalgo, of France, who won the European title in 1984 and was so close to glory in World Cups immediately before and after. "The players know they'll get an honest deal, and encouragement." Brown says. It was a sensible, though little predicted, decision when the sb FA (SFA)

him three years ago to succeed Roxburgh There is an old joke about there being two queues outside the SFA: a short one for he led the youth team to the world final in 1989, losing to the manager's post, a long one for the off-licence concess Brown was not even consid-Sandi Arabia on penalties, and the under-20 team to the ered to be in the shorter one quarter-final in 1987.

when Roxburgh resigned. Yet his apprenticeship had been sound and successful, however seemingly anony-mous. Becoming Roxburgh's assistant in 1986, the former unsophisticated wing half with Dundee and Falkirk then went into management

with Motherwell and Clyde. For 712 years he was in charge of the under-21 team. The side that lost the 1992 European semi-final - to Sweden contained Jess, Gemmill, Lambert, Spencer and Ferguson, players central to his present squad. He knows as much or more

about the international game. as the more famous names "For ten years, my job has been in European football," he says, matter-of-factly. In

ever tough they are." He did so when dropping the regular McStay against Italy. He contrives to give his

players freedom within a regular structure. "We try, but often fail, to have consistency in selection [because of with-drawals]. Where there are technical deficiences, you make up with emphatic organisation, such as our zonalmarking back-three formation. Whoever plays, they know what to do".

The result is a squad without dissent; a group who spontaneously applauded McAllister for consenting to a television interview shortly after he had critically missed a Euro 96 and could have been forgiven for hiding. Brown is gratified that his squad is courteous and without arro-gance. "I find the job a pleasure, win, lose or draw. he says. "and in Scotland.

people are hard to please."
He's not shouting about it, better record than some of the more illustrious managers of "You've got to make value the past Sweden will have no judgments," he says, "how-easy passage. easy passage

Wales still wary of Dutch disunity

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN EINDHOVEN

HOLLAND are at it again. Some players are unhappy with Guus Hiddink, the coach: some are at odds with the Dutch media; and some are missing because of injury. It is a familiar story: Holland in apparent disarray.

It was the same during the European championship and the same before Holland played Wales in Cardiff last month, with tales of discontent rife among the camp followers. Yet, on the day of the group seven World Cup qualifying match at the National Stadium, with a muchchanged and supposedly depleted line-up. Holland cla.ved back a 1-0 deficit and won, at a canter, 3-1.

GROUP SEVEN



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Tonight, for the return tie here. Holland are professing similar pre-match problems. Michael Reiziger, the defender, has fallen out with the Dutch journalists; Edgar Davids, the midfield player, did not get the guarantee of a place, which he vigorously sought, and was consequently left out; and Marc Overmars has also questioned Hiddink's judgment. Overmars wants to play in the middle up front. Hiddink wants him in his usual wing role. The result? Overmars will probably start on the substitutes' bench.

It goes on Jordi Cruyff is out of form and has not been selected. Patrick Kluivers is not fit yet, Pierre van Hooijdonk is also troubled by injury and Johan de Kock was taken to hospital on Thursday

night with internal bleeding in his groin. Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, has his own problems, with Chris Coleman,

Ryan Giggs, Mark Hughes, Ian Rush and Barry Horne all absent. However, he does not have the strength in depth that Hiddink has to call on. Holland are still favourites to win and Wales seem to have little but spirit and resolve to

get them through. At least Gould has experienced a mood swing, from one of apparent depression over the first three days here to one of enlightenment.
"It's been difficult, with so

many of our players dropping out," Gould said yesterday. but I enjoyed our last training session, probably for the first time this week. We know it's going to be hard, we know it il be tough whatever team Holland put out. We can't let them have as much of the ball as we did in Cardiff. That's got to be our priority."

The inclusion of Vinnie Jones and his appointment as captain, should add to Wales's ball-winning capabilities and provide a ready source of inspiration. When the lads are tired, when they can hardly put one foot in front of the other, that's when I'll do my bit, "Jones said.

Holland have already assigned a marker. Wim Jonk, to attempt to counter the Jones factor. "I have heard that he is a hard man, but I'm not afraid of that," Jonk said. "I'm not a player who will duck anything and we know what we are facing. We are ready for it." Facing. We are ready for it."

HOLLAND probable 3-5-2* Even der Sar (Aper) — M Reidger Jack Mism. Feb Boer (Aper). J Stam (PSV Enchoven). A Wimser (Hermanna) of Seedorf (Real Madrati. W Jonk (PSV Enchoven). A Wimser (Hermanna) — D Bendenne (Aper). P Cocu (PSV Enchoven). — D Borghamp (Arsenal). R de Boer (Aper) WALES (probable 3-5-2): N Southell (Evenion). — A Metville (Sundamend). K Symons (Marchester Coy). M Bowen (West Hern United). — J Robinson (Charlton Athletic). M Strewming (Bristol Rusers). V Jones (Wimbledon). M Pembrudge (Shoffed Wednesday). G Speed (Evenion). — D Saunders (Nottingham Forest). J Hartson (Arstmal).

Klinsmann settles in at home

FROM DAVID MADDOCK IN NUREMBURG

JURGEN KLINSMANN was smiling. "I hear these rumours all the time." he said. The German newspapers have to fill space, just the same as in your country." The grin indicates that he is happy enough to live with the speculation that has surrounded his occasionally troubled time with Bayern Munich.

He is referring to the recurring reports that he will be returning to the FA Carling Premiership, a league he graced for one glorious year with Tottenham Hotspur. It is true, Klinsmann said,

that he has encountered problems on his return to Germany but sadly for an ever-more cosmopolitan Premiership, the difficulties are not severe enough to force him to leave his native country.

"It was not the best of starts, and there have been problems along the way." he said. "We were knocked out of Europe in the first round and that was a big, big disappointment. I got quite a lot of stick because I missed a penalty against Valencia that may have cost us the tie - but things have calmed down now and we are leading in the championship.

"For all my respect for the Premiership. I have started something here in Germany and I want to see it through. I can say at the moment I will finish my career in Germany."

Germany entertain North-ern Ireland today in a World Cup qualifying match, their first home game since succeeding Denmark as the champions of Europe, and Klinsmann has been eager to renew acquaintance with those Northern Ireland players that ply their trade in the Premiership. His happy state of mind is. no doubt, further eased by the prospect of a contest that has a one-sided look about it.

Northern Ireland have, in fact not lost to Germany in

MATCHES TO COME: Today: Albania is

four matches since they were defeated 5-0 when they visited Cologne in 1977. To extend the sequence would be nothing short of miraculous for an Ireland team woefully short on resources. Germany will be without six injured players this afternoon and yet their line-up is still powerful enough to instil a sense of foreboding into the hearts of

every other footballing nation. "We still have a lot to improve on tactically and technically," Klinsmann said. "In fact I would say maybe we were not tactically or technically the best team in the European championship. We are not as good technically as, say, the Italians, but we have such a strong mentality.

GROUP NINE

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Other teams respect Germany because they know we never

give up." His ambition is to captain Germany in the finals in France in 1998 and then. perhaps, turn his thoughts to retirement. Klinsmann will not, though, immediately join his good friend Ruud Gullit in the brave new world of management, despite offers that

are already rolling in.
"I have watched Roud with interest, we are friends from our times in Italy and we speak a lot," he said. "I think he has done very well as a manager, and maybe one day ... but for me I need a break when I retire, I want a certain distance from football to go away and do things and after that I will see."

Chelsea set to break bank for Zola deal



Zola: costly signing

CHELSEA yesterday signed Gianfranco Zola, the Italy striker, from Parma in a contract that makes him

among the most expensive footballers in England and will cost the London club as much in a year as Newcastle is paying for Alan Shearer. A fee of £4.5 million has been agreed between the clubs and. on top of that, Zola has signed a two-year deal worth !! billion lira (about £4.4 mil-At the end of the contract,

for no fee, thanks to the Bosman ruling. That means he will cost Chelsea £8.9 million over two years, or £4.45 million a year.

however, he will be a free

agent who can leave Chelsea

By JASON NISSÉ

By comparison, Newcastle United paid £15 million to Blackburn Rovers for Shearer, but signed him on a fiveyear deal. His contract pays him £25,000 a week, plus bonuses. It is anticipated that Shearer will be able to earn at least £1.5 million a year, making his annual cost up to £4.5 million each season.

Chelsea, rocked by the death of Matthew Harding. the vice-chairman, and then by the resignation of Peter Middleton, a director, will be hard-pressed to finance Zola's wages. The club's operating profits from the 1995-96 season were cut from £3 million to £654,000 because of its spiralling wage bill. In addition, transfer payments of £2.6 million plunged the ciuh into the red and the City is expecting a large loss for this S2350II.

A number of leading figures have attacked the size of contracts for leading footballers. Alan Sugar, the chairman of Tottenham Hotsput, recently said that he could not understand how Newcastle could justify the payments for Shearer and also questioned the motivation of ageing overseas stars coming to the FA

Carling Premiership. Zola, who is due to fly to London on Monday, is the third player in a year to leave Parma for England after Faustino Asprilla went to Newcastle and Tomas Brolin joined Leeds United.

Repentant Keane handed new role

FROM PETER BALL IN DUBLIN

ROY KEANE is an unlikely candidate as a prodigal son. but if Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, has no intention of endangering any fatted calves, he is delighted to welcome back Keane after a nine-match absence for tomorrow's World Cup qualifying match against Iceland at Lansdowne Road. It will be Keane's first appearance since he was sent off against Russia in McCarthy's first game as

Behind the laughing eyes,

however, lies a pragmatic

attitude. With few aces in his

hand, Brown needs to tread a

canny path. He will not name

a team tomorrow until the last

moment, denying Tommy Svensson, his opposite number, any possible assistance.

He regards Svensson as one

Brown likes to consider

himself a manager who acts

rather than reacts: retaining

Jess, even though he is cur-rently not in the Coventry line-

up; preferring Goram in goal, when fit, to the trusted, veter-

an Leighton, who makes anemotional 75th appearance

land's first 50,000 crowd for

of the foremost tacticians.

manager. Since then injuries and French leave last summer. when Keane went missing before the trip to the United States, have kept the Manchester United midfield player out of McCarthy's



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plans. 'I regret what happened," a contrite Keane said yesterday. "I know I should have tried harder to contact Mick, but we got together and sorted things out before the Charity Shield. Now I'm just glad to be playing for Ireland

What position Keane will play, however, remains to be seen. In his absence, McCarthy has been pleased with his central midfield, and the indications yesterday were that, with Iceland expected to play

with only one front man, Keane may be drafted into the back three. It is a role he has filled in the past for Nottingham Forest and, less frequently, for Manchester United For Ireland, he will be given a licence

to come out from the back in the manner of Matthias Sammer, the Germany sweeper, who was the outstanding player in Euro 96. "Roy's probably the best in the defensive position in a midfield three. McCarthy said. "So what's so different from doing it from the back? We've got plenty of fluent movement from our midfield

three. If I decide to play Roy at the back, I think he could come out from that position and get involved. Him playing there was something I first thought about when I got the job.
"It gives you something extra if you've gor somebody who is comfortable bringing it

[the ball] out You saw Sammer doing it in the European championship and it was hugely successful. Nobody is telling me that Sammer is better than Roy Keane at playing football. Apart from deciding Keane's role in the side, Mo-Carthy is also left to ponder his choice of a forward to

partner Tony Cascarino. John Aldridge is the most likely, but he sat out most of a heavy training session in Dundalk yesterday, hecause of a groin problem. McCarthy, though, is confident that Aldridge who needs two goals to break

Frank Stapleton's record of 20-for Ireland — will play. With Iceland seriously be-

The sell-out crowd at: Lansdowne Road tomorrow. will include McCarthy's predecessor, Jack Charlton, who will watching Ireland for the first time since he resigned in :-

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low strength, a lot of responsibility for denying Aldridge will fall on Larus Sigurdsson. the impressive Stoke City ozn-tral defender.

Right way to protect the new Lawtons

lifetime, passed from his game and his life this week. At much the same time, the Football Association and the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) put the finishing touches to a new initiative, the thorough medical screening of YIS players, that at least should ensure that youth is taken care of in the game.

This end of abuse towards child-hood, which many sports have blind-ly persevered with, at last corrects an imbalance. The game is making a genuine start, at sizeable financial cost, to safeguard the bodies of tomorrow's Lawtons.

Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, recently outlined proposals to spend £268,400 on orthopaedic and cardiovascular screening of every one of the 1,525 trainees now coming in to the professional clubs.

The screening begins early in 1997 and is a direct response to alarming instances of severe injuries caused by overuse and biomechanical defects identified among the 14-year-old boys selected as pupils of the FA School of Excellence, at Lilleshall,

Between this season and next, the

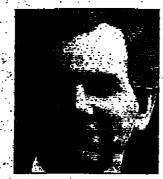
over £400,000, with support from the FA Premier League and the Football League, proving that it is child's play for the disparate bodies of the game to attend to the growing bodies of young players.

Already, consultant orthopaedic surgeons, with a proper knowledge of the game, have agreed a £35 fee per. player for orthopaedic screening, while the cardiovascular examina-tions will cost £141. This investment in the welfare of future generations is intended to continue.

It may or may not prevent the kind of tragedy, the rare heart defect, that claimed Terry Yorath's young son a few years ago. It may spare boys the shin splint complaints that Nick Barmby and Andy Cole suffered for so many months. Perhaps we will have seen the last child pushed through school, club and county demands until something as severe as curvature of the spine wrecks their future life, never mind the joy of playing football.

A marvellous Radio Five Live tribute to Lawton by Jimmy Armfield, however, provided a reminder of the need for an extra set of

ROB HUGHES



Weekend View

tests for the brain. Lawton could articulate the deep and enduring satisfaction he got from the identity the game gave to his life. It expanded him into a person beloved by many, the archetypal centre forward whose forehead met the ball with astonishing power and unerring accuracy. right beneath the centre parting of his

. The nostalgia that Armfield tweaked out of his subject had a soft edge. This sometimes hides the long lapses into moroseness, the migraines as well as the arthritic pains, that countless great players endure.

Lawton, like many of his generation, had no help from the pain of withdrawal and little for the wear and tear on a person's most precious commodity, the mind. Two decades ago, conducting, admittedly, an unscientific survey, I discovered 55 former players, almost all of them centre forwards or centre halves, whose premature deaths through brain injury appeared to be traceable to repetitive heading of the ball. They, like Lawton, operated in days of the heavy leather ball, but today's football moves measurably faster and today's opponents jump, often with elbows spread, to try to ensure that no clean contact is made between

forehead and ball. We are running away from the obvious if we do not consider some screening of the head. In Norway, researchers following up the investi-gation found repetitive injury in leagues as high as Italy's Serie A, the symptoms being similar to those of

the "punch drunk" boxer. A professional osteopath, Mike Tetley, from Hertfordshire, demonstrated that the shape of the skull itself is not always suitable for heading.

All in the past? At Newcastle last Sunday, Emerson collided with David Batty. Both needed treatment, both appeared stunned and the Brazilian buckled and fell to the ground some minutes after the collision

wonder, could that have had anything to do with his reported threat not to return to Middlesbrough? He was allowed to complete the match, whereas in most responsible sports the automatic medical rule applies that anyone with suspected concussion is removed from danger

until medically approved.

So, a huge welcome to the initiative of the FA and the PFA. Possibly, in time, the money spent will replace some of the millions the union spends on trying to ease the pain and immobility of former professionals. But, a personal plea — remember that English football is still played pretty much in the air and a game earning such a fortunes must protect individ-

SNOOKER

Scotland put on alert by Hendry

FROM PHIL YATES

EMOTIONALLY drained after their 10-9 victory over Wales on Thursday, Thailand have an unenviable task against the formidable Scottish trio of Stephen Hendry. John Higgins and Alan McManus in the semi-finals of the World Cup here today.

Expectations will be high for the over-achieving host nation, even though, on paper at least, Thailand have little chance, with Noppadon Nop-pachorn and Thai Pishit, two members of their team, ranked outside the world's top

Yet a partisan crowd, a sluggish table and the staccato tournament format - no one player is in action for two consecutive frames - all serve to act as a great leveller. That's why we'll be taking nothing for granted." Hendry

On the way to beating Northern Ireland 10-6 in the quarter-finals, Scotland responded to an impending crisis with breaks of 76, 84, 72 and 73 in pulling away from 6-5 to an ultimately comfortable victory.

"That was particularly pleasing for the team. We know if we play out best we will win the title." Hendry said. It is hard to dispute the fact that they are overwhelming favourites to share the £105,000 first prize and lift the solid gold King of Kings trophy, itself valued at £25,000.

Thailand were fortunate to edge past a Welsh team depleted by the sudden return home of Darren Morgan, their captain, because of the death of his mother. To conclude a match that lasted over seven hours. James Wattana inspired widespread scenes of jubilation by clearing green to pink, including a fluked brown, to beat Mark

In yesterday's first semifinal, Ireland withstood a midmatch onslaught from England to establish a surprise 8-7 lead and move within two frames of victory.

Although the Irish recovered from 2-0 down to lead 4-2. England were set to seize a 61 break, Peter Ebdon, who put together a run of 99, and Ronnie O'Sullivan, assisted by an 84 break, convincingly carried them 5-4 ahead.

England, however, proved unable to capitalise on this brief purple patch as Doherty constructed breaks of 66 and 69. Fergal O'Brien took a frame from Ebdon and Stephen Murphy, the world No 61, inflicted another defeat on the England captain as Ireland threatened to cause an

IN BRIEF

Two-year drug ban for rugby player

THE Welsh Rugby Union yesterday suspended Paul Jones, the Llanelli lock for two years after he admitted taking a banned drug (David Hands writes). Jones, 24, is the second such offender from Wales (the first, in 1991, was Ritchie Griffiths, a Wales B centre) whose drug-testing programme, a commission of inquiry emphasised, is the most stringent in the rugby world, with 80 tests a year.

The ban was back-dated to August 16, the day when Jones -- who has represented Wales A — told club officials that he had received injections of testosterone to help in the rehabilitation of a shoulder injury. The inquiry took his admission and genuine remorse into account in their

Els strides on

Golf: Ernie Els, the world No 3 from South Africa, took wet fairways and monsoon weather in his stride to shoot a one-under-par 71 for a threeround total of 209 and open a two-stroke lead in the eightplayer, country-hopping Johnnie Walker Super Tour in Manila yesterday.

After rounds in Taipei, Seoul and Manila, the fourcity tournament flies into Bangkok tomorrow for the final round. Els leads from Colin Montgomerie, of Scotland, who also handled the conditions well to score a 71, and Ian Woosnam. The Welshman shot a one-overpar 73.

Laura Davies made a good start to her pursuit of her third successive Itoen Ladies title with a four-under-par 68 for a one-stroke lead in incessant rain in Chosei, Japan, vesterday.

Cup challenge

Hockey: The challenge from the Channel Islands for the Hockey Association Cup will be resumed tomorrow when lersey play Hampstead and Westminster in third-round match at Paddington Recreation Ground (Sydney Friskin writes). Hampstead's high-scoring forward line includes Robert Thompson, the England and Great Britain left Hounslow.

Sri Lanka stroll

Cricket: Sanath Jayasuriva picked up three wickets for 15 runs from five overs to lead Sri Lanka to a 75-run victory over Pakistan in the threenation Singer Champions' Trophy in Sharjah yesterday. After being bowled out for 206 in 49.3 overs, Sri Lanka then dismissed Pakistan for 131 in 36 overs for an emphatic

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Timeless talent keeps Southall sane

Russell Kempson on how the Wales

goalkeeper is saving the best till last

oalkeepers are a strange bunch. Madness abounds - often aced with genius; its constant companion — and what you see is not always what you get. Ordinary exteriors hide peculiar traits: eccentricity is a liar traits: eccentricity is a Holland in Eindhoven tonight professional must, clowns one in a group seven World Cup minute, marvels the next. Welcome to the crazy club.

Neville Southall, MBE, of Wales and Everton, is in his seventeenth season as a fully paid-up member. When the goalkeeping gloves were handed out, he was near the

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From of the queue, yet he bails from the relatively less hunatic His ability, and sanity, have rarely been questioned.

He turns up early, trains hard, does the job and goes home. Back to Llandudno, where he was born, still lives and feels most comfortable. Back to his wife, Eryl, and daughter. Samantha: away from the spotlight, the adula-

tion, the unreal existence. Southall, 38, former hod carrier and dustman, is a reluctant participant in a sometimes weird yet mostly wonderful game. Were it not for his special talent and the rewards that go with it, he would probably have never ventured forth from his beloved North Wales.

Venture forth he though, and when Wales play qualifying match, he will make the 854th appearance of his career. He will win his 89th cap and will endeavour. against alarming odds, to keep his 34th international clean

Southall is a private yet personable soul, quirky and contradictory too. Now and again, he rivals Bruce Grobbelaar, the undisputed king of the crazies, for his thorny crown; now and again, he appears temporarily to depart planet Earth. Six years ago, on the open-

ing day of the season, he made a premature exit from the halftime team talk, returned to the pitch and sat forlornly in one of the Goodison Park goalmouths, so disturbed was he by Everton's dismal display. A year later, after Everion had been beates in the final of the Zenith Dalle Systems Cup, he decimed to taking the Wembley steps to collect his memento. "Who wants a ZDS loser's

medai? he reasoned. And then last year, after Everion had defeated Man-chester United in the FA Cup Final, he preferred to drive back to Llandadno rather than attend the victory banquet with his team mates. "If you had spent ame mouths with that lot, you'd want to go home as well," he said.

From his formative years playing for Craig y Don, in the Tremoria League — it was



Southall will seek to keep his 34th international clean sheet in Wales's World Cup qualifying match in Eindhoven tonight

quickly apparent that Southall Many medals, of the win- Wales manager, with his du- been easy to go public to wards and upwards. Meaningful progression had to wait. though, as he switched allegiance to Llandudno Swifts in the Welsh League North.

Swifts had neither pace nor skill, with Southall, at 14 in a men's game, regularly conceding double-figure tallies. But for his agility, the scores could have been doubled, a fact recognised by Bangor City. He then joined Winsford United and, after 44 matches with Bury, arrived at Goodison Park for £150,000 in July 1981.

cepted with relish. Two in the League championship, two in the FA Cup, one in the European Cup Winners Cup, three in the Charity Shield. In 1985, he was voted footballer of the year. Southall shows no signs of letting up. He has settled his pre-season spat with Everton and signed a

missed a match this season and his form is excellent. He is also immersing himself in all things Welsh - from assisting Bobby Gould, the

the League of Wales, to coaching for the Football Association of Wales.

When he agreed to help Conwy United to prepare for their Intertoto Cup campaign this year, the players expected a brief session and an early trip to the bar. At Ilpm, the sweat-soaked, moustached fig-ure was still pounding the turf, still barking out his instructions. The lads loved it.

He is dedicated, steadfastly blinkered in his approach to everything, yet while it has not

he realises that the gap between playing full time and coaching full time is fast diminishing. He has to prepare for the future.

He was interviewed for the Wales job, before Gould was appointed 15 months ago, and now conducts the post-match media inquests as part of his international brief. He copes calmly and confidently, without bluster or baloney; he drops in the occasional joke, with a wry grin. Eccentric? Perhaps. Crazy? No way.

FOR THE RECORD

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STOCKHOLM: Men's tournament: Second round: M Norman (Swe) bi A Radulescu (Ger) 7-5, 4-6, 6-4* Tohansson (Swe) bi F Dewulf (Bel) 6-3, 6-3, T Enquist (Sme) bi C Woodridi (US) 7-6, 7-6, P Fredhisson (Swe) bi N Kuth (Swe) 7-5, 7-6
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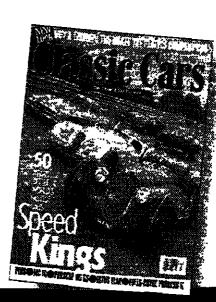
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Hoddle restores troubled defender as captain for crucial World Cup qualifier

England invest trust in Adams

THE highest honour in English football will be restored to Tony Adams when he leads England onto the field to play Georgia in a World Cup group two qualifying game here this afternoon. Adams, returning after a serious knee injury, is only until Alan Shearer returns, yet he was unequivocal yesterday in stating his ambi-tion to prove such a leader that even Shearer would have to accept that the Arsenal captain is in charge long-term.

"I have human aspirations. like everyone else," he said. "I'm realistic and if the manager thinks it would be better for England for someone else to be captain, then I would try to give all that I can under that person. But, as a human being. I like a bit of praise, I like being the captain and, of course, I want to be the best

It sounds perfectly logical and perhaps, despite all, it will prove to be right. Yet how could we forget, how could we look Adams in the eye and not confront the extraordinary fact that he is a man, with a long pedigree of leadership. in the first phase of attempting to conquer the alcohol dependen-cy that he admitted last month, together with a marital break-up?

A morning in the company of Adams has a compelling openness to it. This new trend, though Adams rightly said it is too personal and too serious to be trendy, has suddenly confronted us with three players - Adams, Paul Gascoigne and Paul Merson - who all require therapy for drink-related problems. Who can say with confidence that they know Glenn Hoddle is making

the right decisions every time? This is not a slur on the England coach. Hoddle, just 39, is relatively new to his own calling. He has a spiritual approach of undoubted determination and integrity, but even he, surely, cannot have envisaged, approaching only his third match in charge of England's national team, such

We almost forget we are talking about a game. It has grown, with breathtaking speed, into something invaded by business, by international politics, something hijacked by all manner of parasites seeking to use the players and their money ... and now the need for professional counsel-

lors. Who are the counsellors? What do they know of the intensity of the sporting life, or of trying to take therapy down the end of a telephone line, which itself has no reliable consistency and which costs the Football Association £6.80 per minute — when a line can

Given all these adverse circumstances, Adams seemed to take up the baton that he lost while having knee surgery as if it were as simple as breathing. He ducked nothing, but then Adams never did and it is easy to believe that he will this afternoon prove a commander in the field of tempered

GROUP TWO

I am surprised at my own reaction to this, because the feeling has remained all week long that Paul Gascoigne is not nearly so ready to be sent into the field. Gascoigne's soul-baring over the wifebeating incident, and his apologies, have genuine sincerity: but the suspicion remains that the best Hoddle can do is to leave Gascoigne on the

By complete contrast, Adams gave a thoroughly convincing impression yesterday of a man changed. I have

changed, in every way," he said. "Oh, I think he [Hoddle] knows that I've changed."

Hoddle offered Adams the captaincy in private on Thursday night. "I'm very grateful that he has shown great faith in me," the restored captain said. "I've seen things in myself that I don't like, I've looked, warts and all, and I needed to do it."

He came to this crux in his life after a summer of another kind of dependency, after seven injections into that wounded knee to get through the European championship. "It was worth the risk and I was giving everything for what I wanted to achieve for my country. The manager may say I'm looking leaner and, in practical terms. I suppose I'm bound to, not drinking

"What the counselling is doing for me is personal. I won't go into it, but I have changed my life. I've had this mask on for all these years. I've changed my football, too. It has opened up a new field for me since George Graham left. For eight years, I was suppressed because he wanted a particular type of player. He got success with it, but, through different systems since. I've expressed myself a bit more and I think I've opened some eyes.

Adams said that he feels comfortable as the central figure in a three-man defence. He insisted that the leadership style, the fist-in-the-face motivational tactic, that Hoddle said three months ago he would never resort to. has

I ve changed in that way as well. I'm trying to lead by example; what I said to the Arsenal players: 'If you want encouragement, look at me. I'll be running, and kicking for you." Adams is the only certainty to start that Hoddle will give in public until just before kick-off. He is concerned about the patchiness of the pitch and the passion of the crowd, which is liable to exceed 76,000.

Technique is their strength. they have it across the midfield and you could say my thinking is to do something about that. But we want to win the match." The coach and his captain know the team, the task and the extent of the trust that they have placed in one another in the name of



Adams tries on the captain's armband in Tbilisi yesterday after being asked to lead England in the absence of Shearer

Players vote for Jones to tackle the lead role with Wales

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN EINDHOVEN

VINNIE JONES sat in a hotel coffee shop here yester day, earring in his left lobe and tattoo near his left ankle, almost shaking with emotion. His voice quivered and, occa-sionally, his eyes welled up. Jones — football bad boy and perennial curse of the estabishment — had been handed the captaincy of his adopted country for the first time.

Jones, 31, in only his sixth international appearance, will lead Wales into their World Cup group seven quali-fying match against Holland this evening. The former hod carrier and now Wimbledon midfield player and captain, who has been sent off 12 times, had completed the most unlikely of journeys. He could barely take in the

news. "So much is going on inside me and I can't really explain what it is," he said. "I ust feel tremendous pride. It has to be the proudest day of Jones replaces Barry

mous choice of the Wales squad. In a bizarre secret ballot, with Bobby Gould, the manager, providing the pens

"Everyone applauded at the result, Gould, who once don, said. I've always said that Vinnie has been underrated. People have tended to concentrate on the other facets of his character. Many ex-professionals might say that this is a sad day for football, stand that, but let's wait and see what happens."

Though born in England, Jones qualifies for Wales through his late grandfather, Arthur, who lived in Ruthin. Tve had to put up with the snipers all my life and I'm sure they'll have another pop," he said, "but I got this honour not through favouritism ... but by the vote of a squad of international footballers. How can people ar-

Stress proves too great for Coppell

By RICHARD HOBSON

STEVE COPPELL was as that I would like to. I am good as his word. "There will be no miracle from me." he said on being appointed the Manchester City manager. Yesterday, just 33 days later. he stood down after taking medical advice because he could not handle the pressure of pulling such a high-profile club out of decline.

At a hastily-arranged press conference, Coppell, looking gaunt, read out a brief state ment and refused to answer questions before leaving quiet-It had taken Francis Lee, the

chairman, 42 days to find a

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replacement in Coppell after the departure of Alan Ball in September. George Graham and Dave Bassett had turned down the job and others had removed themselves from contention publicly.

"When I was given the job. I was proud, delighted and excited," Coppell said. "I am not ashamed to admit that for some time I have suffered from the huge pressure that I have put upon myself and since my appointment this has completely overwheimed me to such an extent that I cannot function in the job in the way

extremely embarrassed by the situation. He signalled his intention to leave last Sunday and declined the offer of a week's break when he and Lee met on Monday. Lee's continuing attempts to bring about a change of mind proved fruitless.

"Some people can cope, some people cannot. It is another sad day for the club," Lee said, probably more em-barrassed than Coppell. Phil Neal, who resigned as manager of Cardiff City to become Coopell's assistant, takes over on a caretaker basis.

Outwardly. Coppell appeared to have the ideal, composed temperament to bring stability to a club that has had 16 managers in the past 25 years, is more than £20 million in debt and the subject of takeover speculation. However, when he resigned as manager of Crystal Palace after nine years in 1993, he said that he could not face dismissing players and staff who had helped him before that relegation season from the Premier League.

Howard Wilkinson, the chairman of the League Managers' Association, said that he was not surprised that a leading manager should cite stress as a reason for resigning. Kenny Dalglish left Liverpool for the same reason five years ago before re-emerging refreshed to lead Blackburn Rovers to the championship.

Dr Rabi Rana, a stress expert at University College, London, said: Some people thrive on stress, but for others it becomes intolerable. Mr Coppell suggests he has

Holyfield's moment of truth

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN LAS VEGAS

BOXING could reach great heights of courage and endeavour or hit new depths of wretchedness when Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield meet here tonight. It all de-pends on the performance of Holyfield, the bravest of the brave, but, at 34, well past his

Holyfield may be able to match Tyson blow for blow for the first three rounds and provide some indication of just now good Tyson really is, but the general view is that he will be demolished inside two rounds. Many experts even fear that he could be bludgeoned unceremoniously to the floor and suffer tragic consequences. Holyfield has been showing signs of ill

health for a couple of years. The challenger brushes aside such gloomy talk and is certain that he will lift the World Boxing Association heavyweight championship. Tyson knows I'm the only guy who doesn't fear him." Holyfield said. "Most punchers aren't accustomed to taking nunches. It affects them a bit more because they're used to banging out everyone else. I'm happy to be given the chance to change the world." Comments which brought a chilling rejoinder from Rory Holloway. Tyson's co-manag-er, who said: "I hope you are around on Sunday to see how

the world has changed." Certainly, Holyfield will not leave his fight back in the dressing-room, as have most of Tyson's opponents - he is fearless - but it is difficult to make a case for him. He is not the man he was five years ago when the bout was first made but did not go ahead because Tyson went to prison.

The Holyfield of those days might have had a chance. However, while Tyson was in prison. Holyfield had one hard contest after another. each one putting years on him: against Bert Cooper, Michael Moorer and Riddick Bowe, twice. After being stopped by Bowe in the third match in 1995, he failed to impress in more and more battle weary. He was particularly ineffectual against Bobby Czyz, a lightheavyweight.
Holyfield's punches bounced

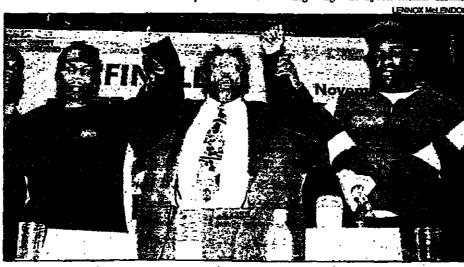
off Czyz. "If he could not hurt me, how's he going to hurt Mike Tyson?" Czyz asked. Tyson, all the while, was resting in prison and, after returning to the ring IS

COVERAGE

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months ago, has had four easy contests. While they have not tested him, they have certainly sharpened him up and he looks better now than he did in his pre-prison days.

Holyfield, on the other hand, has slowed appreciably. He is not so quick about the ring and does not have his old hand speed. Slow reflexes against Tyson means certain



Don King, the promoter, presents the protagonists, Tyson, left, and Holyfield

defeat. Worst of all, he is

determined to stand toe-to-toe

with Tyson if he has to. That

can only lead to a sorry ending

Three of the leading trainers in the United States — Eddie Futch, Teddy Atlas and Emmanuel Steward - give Holyfield very little chance and ing to Futch: "Holyfield's ability to throw off the effects of shots seems to be gone. The danger is in being hurt on his feet. He'll be lucky if he gets

hurt and goes right down."

Atlas said: "We've all got an opinion of Holyfield being so special, but when he couldn't nandle Czyz more casily, you knew something had diminished him. You don't judge by chronological age, you judge by tough fights and Evander is more into his forties if we judge

him that way." Steward, who used to train Holyfield and is now with Lennox Lewis, said: "I think Tyson will win, but you never know with Evander. He can pull it out, but I think it will be like Hagler-Hearns." That was a breathtaking three rounds. The world would settle for that

On the undercard, Henry Akinwande, of Britain, the World Boxing Organisation champion, defends against Al-exander Zolkin, of Russia. Akinwande, who has greatly improved under Jean Courreges, his French manager, and his American trainer. Don Turner, should have no problem, for Zolkin is little more than a plodder.

The Briton won his tide by stopping Jeremy Williams last June. The world's heavy-weights, including Tyson, will be watching to see if he can stop Zolkin as well.

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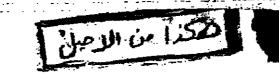
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Imran Khan enters poll race to fight corruption

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

IMRAN KHAN announced plans yesterday to contest Pakistan's general election due in February - the first formal entry into politics by his fledgeling Movement for Justice party.

"I know my limitations." he said. "As in cricket the person who does well is not the one who is most talented, but the one who knows what he cando and cannot do. The secret is team selection."

The former Pakistani cricket captain, as popular as a film star among the illiterate ma-jority, added that it was time to introduce new faces into politics. He will be seeing a new face hirnself soon: he will be in London in a day or two to await the birth of his first child, taking him away from tumultuous political events at

His wife, Jemima, has spent little time in Pakistan since Mr Khan's cancer hospital in Lahore was partly destroyed in a bomb attack eight months ago. After that she was given a bodyguard and rarely left her Lahore home. Her husband

commutes frequently to London, balancing family life with political ambitions.

Mr Khan, 44, looked ex-hausted after a 24-hour brainstorming session with the executive committee of his party, designed to draw up a programme for contesting the general election. He hopes privately that the polls will be delayed, giving time for an accountability commission to be established by President



Khan: hopes Bhutto will

Leghari to bar corrupt and criminal candidates.

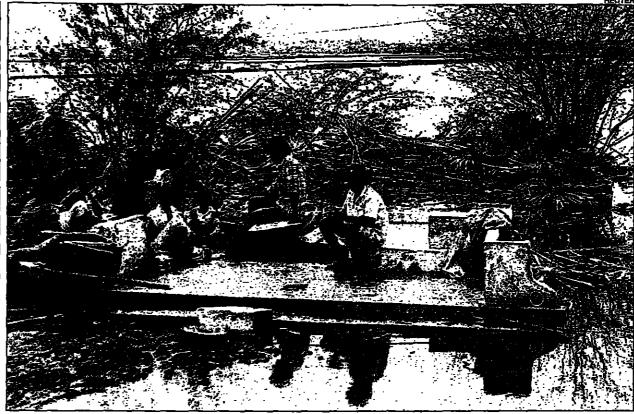
That could lead to a ban on both Benazir Bhutto, the dismissed Prime Minister, and Mian Nawaz Sharif, leader of the opposition. Mr Khan would then be the biggest name in the race, giving his underfunded party a chance to capture ground from the two main contenders, both hugely financed at election times by drugs and mafia money.

He said he did not think that being married to a foreigner would harm him in politics. Pakistan had accepted his wife, daughter of Sir James Goldsmith, the industrialist, even though some people had said his marriage was part of a lewish conspiracy against the country.

His party hopes to field candidates in every constitu-ency, and they will be required to list their assets and income for public scrutiny. He intendto list his own wealth, which was not substantial -financially things are not that good, believe me, with infla-tion as it is". His party

leadership consists almost entirely of political novices. They are lawyers, engineers, jourand academics - an Englishspeaking, often foreign-edu-cated, elite. Mr Khan said he had not wanted to enter politics but had done so because Pakistan was heading for disaster. Pakistan's politics had a sordid history of opportunism and betrayal, and corruption deterred expatriate Pakistanis from investing in the country. "The moment they come here, 100 agencies start asking them for money. You cannot even build a road

There was huge tax evasion. He had paid taxes since he began earning money from cricket in 1976. It was disgraceful that in a poor country the official residences of the Prime Minister and the President should have a fleet of Mercedes cars. He had seen Pakistani landlords living in royal style in London with Rolls-Royces, yet they paid not a rupee in tax.



Victims of the cyclone are left with only the bare floor of their hut in Pagadalapeta, Andhra Pradesh

Death toll at least 1,000 in Indian cyclone

FROM COOM! KAPOOR IN DELHI

A THOUSAND people are feared to have died in the cyclone that struck Andhra Pradesh's coastal belt in southeast India on Wednesday night. The

official toll was 400, but Chandra Babu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, feared it could reach 2,000. More than 10,000 homes were destroyed, and 200 tent camps have been set

turned into swamps. Decaying bodies of livestock raised fears of water contamination and cholera. Indian naval helicopters, assisted by satellite information, dropped food and medicine to half a up to house at least 100,000 people. Tons of rice were scattered, and million people stranded by floods.

banana and sugar cane plantations

Patten faces inquiry over departure of immigration official

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHRIS PATTEN, the Governor of Hong Kong, may be summoned before a government committee investigating the deepening scandal over the sudden resignation of the colony's director of im-

The departure of Lawrence Leung after 31 years of service gave rise to speculation about whether he had passed on sensitive information to China, including the names of dissidents living in the colony, and permitted excessive numbers of mainland Chinese into

Hong Kong. After unsuccessful efforts to secure information from the Government about why Mr Leung had been allowed to retire on full pension on 24 rours notice instead of the tive Council set up the select committee to what investigate the affair

The first meeting in what promises to be a long series of sessionsbegan yesterday when the committee's legal adviser agreed that witnesses should give testimony under oath and vaid those who were caught lying faced seven years in

When asked whether Mr Patten could be called before the committee, the adviser

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said: "There can be no exceptions." Government House afterwards referred to the Letters Patent which stipulate that the Governor attends Legislative Council meetings "at his discretion".

Elisabeth Wong, a committee member and retired senior civil servant, said, "I hope we call the Governor. I doubt if those who testified to us before were acting on their own."

She was referring to Lam Woon-Kwong, the Secretary for the Civil Service, who in past testimony to the council insisted that Mr Leung had been permitted to retire on "personal grounds", but refused to answer when asked if Mr Leung had been forced to

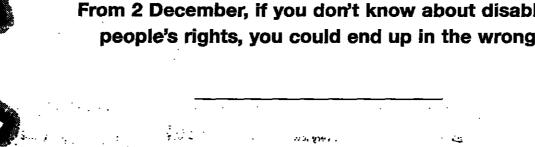
leave government service. Mr Patten, who recently 3) years of service, has said his officials will give no further information if summoned be-

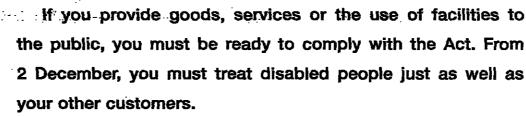
fore the committee. The committee yesterday agreed on a four-hour session for Mr Lam in three weeks time. James To, a member of the council, said that if Mr Lam refused to testify, claiming immunity on public interest grounds, "that would be a constitutional crisis".

Simon Jenkins, page 22



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Drug cocktails give Aids victims new lease of life

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

TALL, fit and imposing, Tom Bianchi takes 16 pills a day and every two months receives a 15-minute injection of an experimental drug. The medication is a nuisance, but life could be far worse. Three years ago he was on the verge of developing Aids. Mr Bianchi, 51, is among a

growing number living with HIV in California who, thanks to potent cocktails of protease inhibitor drugs, have fought off the virus to the extent of having to cope with the challeng s of staying alive — from the surprise of prolonged life expectancy to selling unused

Though not a cure, protease inhibitors can eliminate un to 99.9 per cent of HIV in a

PROTEASE inhibitors have improved the outlook for

HIV-positive patients, but

thought of as buying time

rather than effecting a cure.

Three drugs of the protease

inhibiting group are in use.

with others undergoing trial.

clude the optimum time to

start treatment, how long it

should last, the type of

protease inhibitors to use,

and what other drugs should

be given. There is a move,

however, towards starting this multiple anti-viral treat-

in Birmingham. The findings came as no surprise to Dr Garry Corgiat of the Pacific Oaks Medical Group in Beverly Hills, whose practice treats some 30,000 HIV-positive patients, about 85 per cent of whom have managed to reverse the onset of Aids with

the drug combinations. Hopes of a further Aids breakthrough were raised last month when the US Food and Drug Administration authorised full-scale trials on a new drug, Cytolin, made from mice injected with HIV antigens and designed to boost the claims to have been the first person to win a reprieve from Aids when his "viral load" cent within weeks of his first

course. It seems likely that

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late in the course of HIV, that

the therapy will have induced

"absolutely as dramatic as remissions from cancer" have been seen in patients on protease inhibitors, Dr Corgiat said. It is then that the unexpected traumas of a new lease of life can strike.

Not only must patients make a profound mental adjustment, having prepared themselves for imminent death; many also face loneliness if friends have been lost to the epidemic, and such practical woes as debt, unemploypolicies cashed in prematurethe Los Angeles Times: "I took liberties with my credit cards. I was thinking, 'So what if a dead man has bad credit?" In southern California alone, at least two major Aids clinics and an Aids hospice have

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fectious and have to continue

the usual precautions. Even if

the viral load in the blood is

low, it may be higher in the semen. When use is at a late

stage of the disease the pa-

tient's best hope for achieving

closed for want of critical care approval of three protease inhibitors, saguinavir, ritonavir and indinavir, in the past year.

Meanwhile, psychologists offering counselling to Aids patients have rapidly switched their emphasis from easing death to enhancing life. "Perplexed doesn't even begin to describe" the mental state of sellor at the Los Angeles Gay

and Lesbian Centre, said. lations' ... but we forget we have been training these people for ten years to get protease inhibitors are a treat-

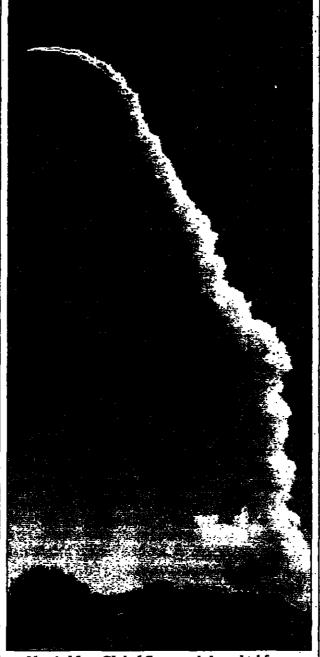


tion has slipped beyond the

control of the existing regime.

The most enthusiastic reports about protease inhibi-tors have followed their use, as part of multi-drug treatstarted at ser-conversion the minor illness that affects natients about six weeks after infection. Protease inhibitors block the virus's release, stopping it spreading.

Dr Thomas



Cape Canaveral, Florida, for a ten-month journey to study the red planet's atmosphere and surface



Nasa's Mars Global Surveyor is launched from

Concern grows for Sinatra

Los Angeles: Fears for the health of Frank Sinatra, 80, mounted yesterday amid re-ports that he has been treated n hospital here for pneumoia and heart failure (Giles Whittell writes).

More than a week after being admitted to the Cedars Sinai Medical Centre with pinched nerve, the singer was still being treated there in a room that resembled an intensive care unit, according to one report. At Mr Sinatra's request, no official statements have been issued about his condition since last weekend.

US Navy'did not fire at Flight 800'

New York: FBI and crash officials dismissed a claim by Pierre Salinger, the veteran journalist, that the US Navy was responsible for July's TWA Flight 800 disaster. Mr Salinger said he had a document that showed that a US Navy missile test accidentally brought down the Boeing 747. "Friendly fire" theories

about the crash, which killed 230 people, have circulated for several weeks on the Internet.

Holocaust bank details due

Geneva: Switzerland's banking ombudsman will on Tuesday give the first results of attempts to track down the unclaimed accounts of Holocaust victims, but few have been traced so far (Peter Capella writes). There are rumours that the World Jewish Congress and Swiss banks have struck a compensation deal.

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Convict saved from execution

Richmond, Virginia: A con-vict's death sentence for the killing of a fellow inmate was commuted three hours before he was due to die by lethal injection after four jurors said they doubted their verdict and the victim's mother pleaded for mercy. George Allen, the state Governor, reduced Joseph Payne's sentence to life without parole. (AP)

Lions devour lone drinker

Middelburg: A 35-year-old man was eaten by a group of five lions on a game farm near this South African town when he wandered into the bush after a bout of drinking, police said. Elphas Siwela was visiting friends on a game farm near Kruger Park. The lions were later tracked down and shot dead. (AFP)

Shell sued over oil protester hangings

By PETER FOSTER

THE family of Ken Saro Wiwa, who was executed by the Nigerian Government a year ago, has launched a legal action against the giant Shell oil company. The lawsuit, filed in New

York against Royal Dutch Petroleum and Shell Trans port and Trading plc, alleges the executions by the Nigerian junta were carried out with the "knowledge, consent and/or support" of the

The action comes two days before the first anniversary of Saro-Wiwa's execution which is to be marked by a series of protests and vigils by human rights activists around the world. His trial was condemned as a sham by Britain, South Africa and America.

On Thursday, Shell announced it was to include specific reference to human rights in its general statement of business principles. The move came after a series of meetings between the company and pressure groups including Amnesty International and Pax Christi, the church pacifist group.

Shell was widely criticised at the time of Saro-Wiwa's death for its reluctance to intervene on his behalf. Saro-Wiwa, the leader of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (Mosop), campaigned vociferously for a greater share of oil revenues and a clean-up of oil spills across Ogoniland. He was accosed of inciting a mob to murder four Ogoni leaders who opposed his campaign.

The action has been brought jointly by the families of Ken Saro-Wiwa and John Kouinen, deputy president of Mosop's youth wing, who was also executed a year ago. The case was filed by the

Centre for Constitutional Rights under the Alien Tort Claims Act that provides fed-eral jurisdiction for alleged civil wrongs committed by foreigners who break the law of nations or a US treaty. The under the Torture Victim Protection Act that provides for federal jurisdiction for acts of torture and extrajudicial

execution". The families allege Saro-Wiwa and Kpilines were killed for murders they did their challenges to the mili-tary dictatorship of General Sani Abacha. They also contend the men were tried before a special tribunal that violated international standards of due process.

Shell yesterday denied that it had played any role in the Ogoni hangings. "Those fallegations have been refuted previously and they are fur-ther refuted now," a spokesman for the company said



Hebron settlers promised expansion

ISRAEL'S Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, has he would expand settlements in the occupied West Bank to compensate for the withdraw-al of Israeli troops from Hebron, still the subject of negotiations with the

According to Israel television, the pledge was made during a private meeting be-tween the Prime Minister and leaders of the 144,000 settlers. When the army vehicles pull out of Hebron, the mobile homes will pull into the settle-ments," the television report-ed. About 450 militant Jews live in the centre of Hebron among 120,000 hostile Pales tinians. The potential for vio-Muslims and Jews has been growing. Yesterday Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister, reported to the Cabinet that the atmosphere there was

Political sources said that Mr Netanyahu's new offer was an attempt to defuse the Israeli-Arab violence. Talks on the Hebron pull-out are expected to resume in earnest when Dennis Ross, the American special envoy, returns to

the region next week.

Yediot Ahronot, the Aviv daily, quoted Mr Netayahu as telling the settlers: I will personally see to it that all the delays in your expansion plans (are remedied) and I will make sure that the approved decisions are implemented on the ground.

settlement construction one and the United States calls it an "obstacle to peace".

Last night the left-wing Israeli pressure group, Peace Now, said: The Israeli public should note that hundreds of millions of shekels from the Government's budget are about to be invested in new apartments, the expansion of settlements, in caravans and outrageous allocations to 3 per cent of the population."



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London and Paris urge help for refugees as marauding Hutu thugs hunt down children

Major may send British troops on aid mission

FROM JUL SHERMAN IN BORDEAUX

THE Prime Minister last night held out the prospect of sending British troops to help to get humanitarian aid to more than a million refugees stranded in eastern Zaire. While John Major drew

back from supporting the specific military plan put forward by the French he made clear that Britain would be prepared to send in British armed forces to support the humanitarian effort if the African countries involved wished. Other options such as logistical and financial support are also under consideration but Mr Major played down any suggestion of sending British troops into combat.

Speaking at a press confer-ence after the Bordeaux Anglo-French summit Mr Major emphasised both France and Britain wanted a speedy solution to help the refugees. But he pointed out action could be decided only with the agreement of the Organisation of African Unity and the United

THREE Spanish Marist

priests were murdered yester-

day at a refugee camp six

miles from Bukavu, in eastern

Zaire. Rescue workers who found their hacked and shot

bodies could not say whether

Zairean troops or Tutsi rebels

the Spanish Foreign Ministry

as Julio Rodriguez Jorge, 40, Servando Mayor Garcia, 44,

and Miguel Angel Isla Lucio,

53. The latter had arrived in

Zaire just 15 days ago. A

fourth Marist priest, Fernan-

do de la Fuente, is believed to

have escaped but his where-

abouts are not yet known.

They had appealed for protec-

The three were identified by

were responsible.

African countries might consider European troops were inappropriate, preferring logistical or financial help. Mr Major's comments, sup-

ported by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, seemed to represent a significant shift in the British position. On Thursday night officials ap-peared to play down the prospect of military help. Yesterday Mr Major said it was premature" to decide now, but he did not rule out the option of assisting in a military operation".

Mr Rifkind, at the same summit, also signalled that Britain could offer more sup-port than aid and food. The question arises how you get the aid and food to the people who need it and whether that dimension. We certainly don't rule that out. But there is urgent work going on at the moment, a lot of analysis of what we know is happening on the ground, so the question Nations. He added that is how do you get the food and

The Society of Mary to

which the dead priests be-longed was founded in Lyons

in 1824 by the Ven Jean

Claude Marie Colin. Educa-

tional and missionary work

form the mainstay of its

activities, and the order has

been present in Zaire for several decades.

many Jesuits and Carmelites.

still remain in Zaire, most of

them concentrated in the war-

torn eastern regions. A Car-

melite priest, Jesús Gutiérrez

Portero, was kidnapped a

week ago by Tutsi rebels in

Bukavu. His fate is unknown.

Yesterday, Spain's Ambassa-dor in Kinshasa appealed to

Some 50 Spanish priests,

the aid to the people who desperately need it and does that require a military intervention, who could best provide that if it is required, and what kind of contribution can a country like the United Kingdom. France or the United States make to that international effort?"

Asked whether British forces were overcommitted Mr Rifkind said: "There are problems, practical problems of that kind. But we do have professional Armed Forces that can often assist."

France is pushing for the creation of a 5,000-strong UNsponsored force and has said that up to 1,000 troops would be available provided other countries, notably the United States, matched its commit-ment So far Washington has offered logistical support. Speaking after the summit

Mr Major said: "There is no difference between France and Britain about the importance of securing international help for Zaire. On the question of troops we need to know what the host government thinks and the neighbouring countries think, whether they want European troops or African troops." British officials later confirmed that British troops could be sent in to support the humanitarian effort. A statement produced by Mr Major and President Chirac earlier emphasised humanitarian rather than military aspects of any joint action. ☐ New York: Boutros Bout-

ros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, called yesterday for the urgent despatch of a multinational force, emphasised that the goal should be repatriation of refugees to Rwanda and Burundi Lames Bone writes). The Security Council held closed-door consultations yesterday to hammer out the precise mandate of a possible intervention force, and a formal vote to authorise its deployment could take place this weekend.



A Zairean tries to keep back the crowds who came in search of food yesterday at the United Nations warehouse in Goma, eastern Zaire

Villages raided as food shortage grows

militia yesterday continued their raids on Zairean villages in search of food and children to kidnap, sparking a battle with east Zaire's rebels on the outskirts of Goma as the town endured its seventh day of acute food shortages.

The Interahamwe (those who kill together) struck Keshero, a hamlet which forms the front line between the Rwandan Hutus in their camp of 500,000 people and the rebels based in Goma, two hours after villagers told The Times of how their children had been abducted to serve as human shields. Floribert Makongo, the di-

rector of a nearby orphanage. spent a night recently cowering inside a black hut made of the local volcanic stone as the Interahamwe attacked.

Goma's larder is empty. Thousands of people gath-

five last night looking for food

and children to take away.

Luckily the rebels were quick-

ly here. We don't know if they

took any hostages because the

fighting was very heavy, all

night long there was shooting

and bombs," he said as he

joined a steady stream of Hutu

tional warehouse which had had some stocks of biscuits yesterday morning. Hungry locals, their city cut off by fighting to the north and west and its border closed to Rwanda in the east, charged at rebel soldiers guarding the ware-house. Other civilians tried to beat them back with sticks as two lorries left the complex.

villagers going into Goma in search of food. Their mission will have We are starving, we have been in vain. Apart from nothing, everything was taken when the Interahamwe releaves picked off cassava plants and the odd goat, treated. Why does the world

Sam Kiley reports from

stranded civilians

Keshero, near Goma, on the

desperate search for food by

want us to starve," yelled one man in English.

supplies, to Goma hospital, which had received the final stocks of food that morning. At the Cased orphanage in a poor Goma suburb a boy,

seven, boiled some beans scav nged from the town by his 20 fellow orphans: the meal was a small plate for each youngster, and their last for the time being. Some of the children had been trapped in Sake, the other side of Mugunga from Coma, and had managed to escape their Interahamwe captors and sneaked through minefields to the town.

Kaneto, 12, said he had been travelling on foot with a family following in a car. There was a huge explosion and they all died or were

Antoine Katsuva, a worker at the orphanage, said the

wooden slats had the capacity to house 100 children. "All we lack is food. We have nothing to give the children who spend their day looking for food in the town."

A rumour that a lorry was distributing World Food Programme aid sent the children scampering into the street with cries of "biscuit, biscuit." They returned moments later, had been handing out plastic houses had been damaged.

Dr Jean Nicolas Kasereka Busara, the regional medical inspector, said: "The crisis which is destabilising the town of Goma and the surrounding areas cannot leave anyone indifferent. The whole called to immediate action at the highest level before it is too

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OPEN LETTER

Dead refugees cannot be saved

Dear Prime Minister,

Over one million refugees and local people face death in war-torn eastern Zaire, a mere ten miles from aid supplies. The first to die are children and the elderly. Meanwhile, the European Union vacillates and shows shameful disunity in the face of massive loss of human life. We are pleading for the British government to show the moral strength and leadership necessary to mobilise an international intervention on the

Time is running out. Despite the announcement of a cease-fire, aid organisations are still actively prevented from reaching the people in need. The refugees need safe areas, where security and aid can be provided, and from where they can return home safely and in dignity. Only a neutral force can successfully disarm the former Rwandan army and the Interahamwe militia and help bring those responsible for the 1994 genocide to justice.

Unless security is restored on the ground in a matter of days, the refugee question of Central Africa will have found its final solution. There simply will not be any refugees left alive.

Yours sincerely,

David Bryer Director Oxfam UK and Ireland

Anne-Marie Huby **Executive Director** Médecins Sans Frontières UK





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Women soldiers accuse instructors of sexual attacks

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AT LEAST 30 young female recruits were allegedly raped. sodomised and sexually harassed by male officers while undergoing preliminary drill and fitness training at a US Army base.

Three men - a captain and two drill sergeants — face court martial for the alleged assaults at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and more prosecutions were said to be likely. Senior members of the US Army yesterday depiored the suspected abuse of officer trust.

The Pentagon sought to defuse a sex scandal of voluminous proportions, one which presents as much of a threat to the image of American armed forces as the notorious Tailhook naval affair of 1991 when women were badly abused by male officers at a Las Vegas convention.

An army investigation has questioned 500 women who attended the Aberdeen base in the past two years. The alleged victims said that they were touched up, raped and pestered by a number of commissioned and non-commissioned officers while they were in the first few weeks at the US Army

Ordnance Centre and School. The women were as young as 18 and were learning the rudiments and rigours of military discipline. However, in addition to the demands of square-bashing and vehicle maintenance, they allegedly had to fight off relentless physical approaches from their instructors.

Senior officers were alerted to the alleged abuses earlier this autumn, when a discreet investigation began. Women, whose presence in some areas of the US military has recently been hotly debated, said that they had been reluctant to

come forward for fear of harming their new careers in All three men brought to

court martial are married and instructed the recruits in traditional physical military routines. Captain Derrick Robertson was charged, among other things, with rape, conduct unbecoming an officer and adultery. Staff Sergeant Delmar Simpson was charged with rape, forcible sodomy and having an improper relationship with a recruit. Both men, if found guilty of rape, face life in

Staff Sergeant Nathanael Beach was charged with obstruction of justice, disobeying an officer and having an improper relationship with a recruit. Two other training officers were accused of writing love letters to young

female soldiers. Major-General Robert Shadley, the ordnance school's commander, said that army investigators would examine whether there had been any "systematic problems" behind the alleged abuses. This is the worst thing I have ever come



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across. We have already conducted 550 interviews and I expect additional charges to be coming," he

The Pentagon deployed an impressive array of firepower to convey its shock and dis-taste. General Dennis Reimer said that the case was "some-thing that offends us all". As a former basic training officer himself he was "particularly worried by the abuse of pow-er". General William Hartzog, commander of the US Army Training and Doctrine Command, said: "America de-serves better than this, our soldiers deserve better than

The image of US armed forces has still not recovered from the Tailhook incident, when crude initiation rites and rampant sexual harassment took place under the noses of senior officers. The scandal led to the military introducing "zero tolerance" rules on sexual impropriety and alcohol abuse, but the US Navy was seen to be slow in its response to the affair.

Congress was not impressed, and the embarrassment was said to have contributed to the depression of the late Admiral J. "Mike" Boorda, the naval chief who committed suicide last year.

Captain Robertson was ternporarily relieved of his duties as a company commander and Sergeant Simpson was placed in a military jail at Quantico, Virginia. Captain Robertson, who is going through a divorce, admitted that he had had an affair with a woman but said that it was "consensual", albeit against the base's rules. He had gone ahead with the "improper" affair because "perhaps I was

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Patty Murray has been a vocal Senate critic of sexual harassmentin America

Old man of Senate dismisses 'fondle in lift' as a courtesy

IN WASHINGTON

THE irrepressible Strom Thurmond, whose re-election to the US Senate this week puts him on course to serve there until he reaches 100, fended off an accusation yesterday that he fondled a woman senator in a lift.

month, said his gentlemanly Southern "courtesy" in taking her arm had been misunderstood. His alleged victim was Patty Murray, 46, a selfdescribed "mom in tennis shoes" and an outspoken foe of sexual harassment.

The episode occurred three ears ago, according to a forthcoming book about women on Capitol Hill by Clara Bingham, a former Newsweek reporter. By this account, the two senators entered the lift together there was an operator - and Mr Thurmond was said to have put his arm around Mrs Murray while he tried to grope her breast and asked in



Thurmond: believes in helping hand to women

his Southern drawl: "Are you Mrs Murray promptly told another senator, Barbara Boxer, who suggested she make a public announcement. But Mrs Murray decided the incident did not amount to sexual harassment and instead dealt with it privately. Her aides complained to Mr Thurmond's officials. He promptly sought her out and

strued his taking her arm. In a statement yesterday he said: "Throughout my life, I have made an effort to show gentlemanly courtesies towards women. That includes assisting them through doors, into vehicles and, yes, on to elevators." Mr Thurmond's statement prompted knowing his age has not curbed an

appreciation of attractive, younger women. His late first wife was 23 years his junior. His second wife, from whom he is separated, was a 22-yearold former Miss South Carolina when he married her at 66. The first of his four children was born when he was 69. As for asking whether the "little lady" was married, that was vintage Thurmond, said his spokesman, Chris Cimko.

"You sure are pretty, are you married, you have children?" Mr Cimko said. 'This was nothing more than a gettingto-know-you exercise when Mrs Murray was a relatively new senator."

First Lady 'won government job' for fundraiser

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

the centre of a tightening net of scandal at the White House last night even as she planned to launch a crusade of selfredemption. A report in Washington claimed America's First Lady had orchestrated an appointment at the Commerce Department for John Huang, the controversial figure subsequently forced to resign his post as a senior Democratic fundraiser.

Mr Huang's role at the government department remains shrouded in mystery amid continuing Republican allega-tions that the former executive of the Indonesian Lippo Group was part of a concerted effort to influence trade policy in return for dubious contributions from Asia to the Clinton

campaign.
The White House said there was "no indication" that Mrs Clinton had any hand in the appointment of Mr Huang as-deputy assistant secretary for international economic policy in 1994, but a department aide told The Washington Times that the banker was not hired by Ron Brown, the Commerce Secretary who died in a plane crash near the Croatian city of Dubrovník in April.

"He was not Ron Brown's guy, and his presence caused intense conflict," said the source. "Huang was carrying water for the White House." Judicial Watch, a public interest group involved in a civil suit against the Com-merce Department, is claim-ing Mr Huang used his government role to help the multi-

Jakarta to win billion-dollar

HILLARY CLINTON was at deals in China and organise trade trips that were no more than a cover for extracting campaign contributions from corporate executives.

Mrs Clinton, contrary to her sworn testimony, is already suspected of taking a prominent role in the firing of staff from the White House Travel Office in 1993 and her presence also overshadows "Filegate", the illegal gathering of FBI background documents on hundreds of former Republican employees at the

White House.
In notes from an FBI interview, Bernard Nussbaum, the then White House counsel, is quoted as saying that Mrs Clinton was reponsible for the hiring of Craig Livingstone, a former restaurant bouncer who became the Clintons' chief of security in charge of background checks.

Now that her husband's last campaign is successfully over. close aides to Mrs Clinton said she was deciding whether to launch a final drive to redeem her reputation. But her beatification is certain to be frustrated by opponents who see her as the President's Achilles' heel A legion of lawyers already view her indictment by Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor on Whitewater, as inevitable.

The Democrats, meanwhile, have launched a campaign to revile Mr Starr in an effort to dissuade the prosecutor from taking his case to a grand jury. Mrs Clinton's second term and her place in history will probably depend on whether he has the evidence and the

White House picks new Chief of Staff

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON has Dick Morris, his political adappointed Erskine Bowles, a North Carolina investment banker, as his Chief of Staff, White House officials said.

The rapid move to replace Leon Panetta, who wants to return to California; is a sign that Mr Clinton has learnt that without a first-rate Chief of Staff, other appointments will be delayed and the White House will be accident-prone.

Mr Panetta is widely credited with bringing order and political astuteness to the chaos of the early months of the Clinton Administration, which contributed to the Democrats' resounding defeat in the 1994 mid-term elections.

Much of Mr Clinton's energy since his re-election on Tuesday has been devoted to persuading Mr Bowles to accept the post. "The President trusts Erskine with his life," party strategists are reported as saying. Mr Clinton turned to Mr Bowles in August to nation yesterday to spend handle the revelations that

viser, had confided White House gossip to a prostitute. The move is a snub to

Harold Ickes, the Deputy Chief of Staff, who is closely associated with the controversial liberal policies of the first two years of the Clinton presidency. It signals that Mr Clinton intends, as he maintained on the campaign trail, to pursue the moderate pragmatism of the past two years.

. Mr Bowles, like Mr Clinton, is a progressive Southerner of the baby boom generation. He advised Mr Clinton on his 1992 election campaign and left the bank he helped to found to become Deputy Chief of Staff. Even after Mr Bowles stepped down in January Mr Clinton continued to consult him, and they are regular

golfing partners. Robert Reich, the labour secretary in Mr Clinton's Cabinet, also announced his resigmroe time with his family

Distillery catches fire

lons of bourbon went up in flames when fire destroyed six whisky warehouses in Kentucky (Quentin Letts writes). A "river of burning liquor" and flames "several hundred feet tall" were described by one of the 100 firemen who yesterday fought to extinguish the blaze

after 24 hours. The cause of the fire at the Heaven Hill Distillery. Bards-

liams and Elijah Craig brands, was not known. Firefighters were hindered by brisk winds and by the strong whiff of burning alcohol --- the conflagration was comparable to a vast flaming Christmas pudding. Several people were treated for smoke inhalation and officials told local farmers that bourbon had leaked into nearby streams.



Record £1.5m for stamp

Geneva: A rare and flawed Swedish postage stamp was yesterday sold at auction in Zurich for a world record of nearly £1.5 million in barely. four minutes (Peter Capella

The Treskilling Yellow was bought by a Swedish dealer for an unidentified client for £500,000 more than it fetched six years ago. Bidding started at £450,000 and reached a

Another £187,000 was added in commission charges.

The yellow colour is regarded as a printing error. The Treskilling, now the world most valuable single stamp. was worth three Swedish schillings when it was printed in 1855. It was discovered in 1885 by a Swedish schoolboy at his grandmother's house. He sold it for 7 kroner.

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Tax fight hits Kohl hopes on

FROM PETER BILD

currency

THE savage squeeze on weifare spending imposed on Germany's neighbours to meet Bonn's tough interpreta-tion of financial criteria for economic and monetary union is starting to boomerang.

In a test of his domestic leadership, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, has been forced to call a late-night meeting tomorrow of his coalition's party leaders to slash DM3 billion (E 1.25 billion) from spending plans for next

Germany's 10 per cent unemployment rate, which looks set to rise next year even if the economy recovers, has turned the calculations of Theo Waigel, the embattled Finance Minister, upside down. Estimates published yesterday project a further DM10 billion shortfall in revenues compared with those made only six months ago.

At the same time, Herr Kohl has been pressured by the Free Democrats, his liberal junior partners in his coalition, to rule out any tax hikes for the rest of this legislative period. The Free Democrats, pinning their hope of 1998 electoral survival on an image as Bonn's only tax-cutting party, is seeking a commitment to a cut of two percentage points in the solidarity tax surcharge, levied to finance east German reconstruction.

Herr Waigel says the DM3 billion cuts that he is seeking will be enough to keep the total public sector deficit down to the Maastricht ceiling of 3 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP). "Ins" and "outs" of monetary union will be settled on the basis of 1997 figures.

Analysts believe Herr Waigel is again being economical with the budget truth. of the Carabinieri anti-art theft

Germany's major economic research institutes estimate next year's deficit will be about DMI5 billion over the target. Opposition finance experts are demanding that Herr Waigel explain how he will close a DM24 billion hole in this year's budget. Citing his own figures, they project Herr Waigel's deficit this year at DM80 billion, pushing Germany's net borrowing requirement to more than 4 per cent



top art historians have sent a petition to President Chirac warning him that any attempt to move the 2,000 mouldings of ancient Greek and Roman monuments stored at Ver-sailles would cause irreparable damage to the priceless

The array of plaster mouldings housed in the stables at the Palace of Versailles includes replicas of the vast columns from the Parthenon in Athens and the Castor and Pollux Temple in Rome, as well as hundreds of smaller sculptures. Taken together, they are considered to make up the greatest collection of its

The mouldings were assembled over three centuries by French rulers determined to make Paris the New Rome" by bringing together copies of classical sculpture and architecture to inspire their artists and builders.

French government plans to disperse the collection in order to turn the huge "Small Stables" at Versailles into a reception area for tourists have prompted strenuous pro-Wests from art experts, who say the mouldings form a unique but intensely fragile record of classical sculpture and architecture. The mouldings are often in much better condition that the originals, most of which have suffered more than 200 years of pollution and weathering since the casts were made.

In their petition, presented at the Elysee Palace on Thursday, the art experts pointed

architectural mouldings, are almost impossible to transport because of their extreme fra-gility and run the greatest risk of being irremediably damaged if they are moved.

The mouldings were originally housed in the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris. However, during the upheavals of May 1968, the more radical stu-dents saw the collection as a symbol of "reactionary teaching" and set about smashing the mouldings with hammers. The collection was hurriedly taken to Versailles, but many pieces were further damaged in the move.

Versailles, like the Louvre in Paris, is undergoing renova-tion and restructuring to accommodate more visitors, and the authorities reportedly want the mouldings to make way for a tourist reception area along the lines of the controversial pyramid at the

Louis XIV: told students to study mouldings

Disneyfy the Versailles stables, with T-shirts and keyrings on sale," one French art expert complained.

These sculptures have significance for art students, but here they have become a bit like a hair in the soup."
François de Mazière, the mayoral aide in charge of culture at Versailles, told Le Figaro. He added that the stable would be a very good place to put on shows'

The petitioners, from France, Britain, Germany, Italy. Scandinavia and the Uni-States, insist, however, that "this cultural heritage is part of the world's patrimony and a credit to Versailles and France: it must be preserved where it is, properly appreciated and made accessible to

more people".

One possibility is to divide the collection and display the various mouldings in Paris buildings whose architecture was inspired by classical forms. Opponents say, however, that the collection should remain intact and to break it up would quite literally do just that to many of the pieces.

The Versailles collection is frequented largely by scholars and cultural groups and the signatories say the Small Stable should be turned into a public museum of Greek and Roman mouldings. The gov-ernment Office of Museums in Paris insists that no decision has yet been made on the future of the collection, but it admits that a change of venue is under discussion.

Some of the casts of classical sculpture at the Ecole des Beaux Arts before they were moved out to Versailles "Moving the mouldings would be very dangerous. It is

a wrong and misguided poli-cy," Francis Haskell, Emeriof his palace at Fontainebleau. tus Professor of Art History at Oxford University and one of the signatories of the petition, said yesterday. Francis I was among the

earliest importers of classical forms, and the 16th-century French King ordered casts to be made of sculptures in Italy

and Greece, which were used as models during the building

The French have led the field in collecting casts of sculptures and architecture. Ian Jenkins, Assistant Keeper at the British Museum's department of Greek and Roman antiquities, said

yesterday Louis XIV gave explicit instructions that students at the Académie de France in Rome should make plaster casts to be studied in France, but

Earl of Elgin began making mouldings of ornamental sculpture in Athens in 1801, Le Comte de Choiseul-Gouffier,

France's craze for classical replicas reached its height in of classical antiquity" for a the 19th century. Before the mass market.

the French diplomat and explorer, had already brought back many casts to France.

Under Napoleon, a cast manufacturing unit was set up at the Louvre to churn out what Dr Jenkins called "paradigms

The recent revival in classicism makes a museum of the ancient Greek and Roman mouldings still more timely. according to the petitioners.

Mafia stole Caravaggio masterpiece for Andreotti, Palermo court told

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

A MASTERPIECE by Caravaggio. missing for over a quarter of a century, was stolen by the Mafia and is being used as collateral in gangland deals between Mafia families in Sicily and Calabria, according to police sources.

Police yesterday appealed to the cieves to return Caravaggio's

Nativity. It was painted in 1609 when the artist, known for his lowlife proclivities as well as his genius, was on the run on murder charges after a brawl in Rome. It was one of his last paintings before his death the following year in Malta. Bernard Berenson, the critic, describes it as "a marvellous

The Nativity hung in the 16thcentury Oratory of San Lorenzo in Palermo until October 1969, when it was stolen. News of its fate emerged this week at a hearing during the trial in Palermo of Giulio Andreotti, the former Christian Democrat Prime Minister, on charges of links with the Mafia during his decades in government.

A Mafia pentito, or supergrass, Marino Mannoia, admitted during testimony that he was one of the Mafia team that stole the painting. Other pentiti have told police the Nativity is passed from hand to hand by Maña gangsters as a token of good faith to seal agreements on turf wars and contract killings. Mannoia said the painting had been damaged during the robbery. when he and his accomplices cut the 8ft by 6ft painting from its frame with a razor blade.

He maintained that the painting had been stolen as a gift for an

"illustrious figure" who was "crazy about the masterpiece" and who had "begun to cry when he saw the painting had crumbled when it was rolled up". Under questioning, he said the "illustrious figure" was Signor Andreotti.

The former Prime Minister de nied this vehemently. "I dont think I've gone crazy about anything, certainly not a picture," he added. Colonel Roberto Conforti, head

squad, appealed to Mannoia's accomplices to return the painting "to the Italian nation", saying that under the statute of limitations charges would not be pressed because the crime had been com-

mitted more than 20 years ago. Art theft is big business in Italy, with thousands of art works disappearing onto the black market every year.

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Feisty Mayoress accepts Olympic challenge and pushes her city into serious contention

Contest for Games heats up

SEVILLE — haughty, pretty and prodigal — is the current "shock" favourite among a host of heavyweight competitors wrestling to be the venue for the Olympic Games in 2004. In spite of its unshakeable reputation for languor and long siestas, the city has surged ahead of such rivals as Athens, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Istanbul, Lille, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Stockholm and St Petersburg.

Many Spaniards are, of course, unsure of the wisdom of Seville's bid. After all, the city lost millions of pounds in 1992 when it played host to the Universal Exposition, or "Expo", through corruption, kick-backs and incompetence. The extent of that loss nearly £200 million - was discovered only recently by inspectors from the national audit office. With breathtakSEVILLE FILE by TUNKU VARADARAJAN

Socialist Government had an-Bossy, elegant and articulate, she is believed to have nounced that the Expo had 'officially" made E90 million. "handbagged" the members of the International Olympic Inevitably, some brutal questions are being raised outside Seville: can Andalusia Committee so successfully on their recent visit to Seville that be trusted to run a global event like the Olympics? Has it, quite simply, got the disci-pline required? Can the "Flaonce widely believed to be over-optimistic is now seen by menco spirit" coexist with the Olympic spirit? Will money experts as "one of the top disappear, once more, into the

as Minister for Culture in the building contractors? short-lived Calvo-Sotelo Government of 1981-82, making her the first female member of These questions, however, do not daunt Soledad Becerril Bustamante, the city's feisty

days of the republic. Now a pillar of the conservative Popular Party, she is scathing about the "parasitic" culture of state subsidies that flourished under the previous Socialist Government. Not surprisingly, Seville's Olympic bid promises "total self-financing" and a "lean. compact Games".

The arithmetic certainly seems convincing. Seville's "Olympics office" says the organisation of the Games will cost less than Atlanta did this year. Given the "existing infrastructure" left over from the Expo, they also state that the building costs will be a fraction of that spent by Barcelona, the Olympic venue

The weakness in Seville's bid, however, is not hard to discern. The year 2004 may prove to be too soon to award the Games once more to a Spanish city. Athens and Cape Town, the other leaders of the pack, are playing their "history" and "Africa" cards respectively, and doing so with vigour. As the day of Olympic judgment approaches, Señora Becerril may have to reach for her fabled hand-bag again — and swing very



Accolade for British professor

"I WISH I had been born in Seville," Sir John Elliott has often said, understandably perhaps for someone who came into the world in relatively frumpish Reading.

At a moving ceremony yester-day, the Regius Professor of History at Oxford was compensated for his disappointment by being given Spain's very own version of the Nobel — the Prince of Asturias Prize.

The award, made for Professor Elliott's contribution to "the understanding abroad of Spanish derstanding abroad of Spanish history", as well as for "undoing cliches and stereotypes about the decisive periods of Spain's past", is his second Spanish decoration in only a few weeks. Last month, he was invested with the Grand Cross of the Code of Irakel the Catholic of the Order of Isabel the Catholic by José Maria Aznar, the Spanish Prime Ministe

Professor Ellion, arguably the world's greatest Hispanist, became a household name in Spain after the publication in 1986 of his book on the Count-Duke of Olivares, the Chief Minister of Philip IV. It tells of Spain's decline in the 17th century, a process which the professor has often likened to Britain's decline after the Second World War.

Waging war on a wild frontier

ECOLOGISTS have declared war on the Socialist regional government of Andalusia for granting permission to Prince Alfonso de Hohenlohe, a Costa del Sol grandee, to build a luxury tourist complex near one of Europe's

greatest areas of wilderness.

Jörg Haider with his wife, Claudia: the Tories deny his claims of contacts with British Conservatives

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National Park, sited at the estuary of the Guadalquivir River. These sprawling wetlands are home to such winged wonders as the squacco heron, black-winged still, whiskered tern and sand grouse. But ecologists argue reatest areas of wilderness.

that the development will bring with it a
The complex threatens the Coto Donana disruptive new species: the moneyed vulture.

Austrian far Right plans euro ambush

JÖRG HAIDER, Europe's most dynamic and perhaps most dangerous far Right politician, is preparing an ambush that he hopes will propel him towards the chancellorship of Austria.

As he explains his future march to power he suddenly smiles, like a girl, and one elimoses how this 46-year-old lawyer can seduce more than a million Austrians into making him the critical third force in the claustrophobic politics of

the Alpine republic.
Could that smile undo
Maastricht? In the lakeside Cafe Lido on the fringe of his home town of Klagenfurt, it is possible to believe in Herr Haider's future. The customers, spooning cream into their afternoon hot chocolate, have almost to be held back in their eagerness to wave, touch, or cličk heels.

to forget his praise for Hitler's employment policies (slave labour), his respectful address to veterans of the Waffen SS. the blistering racism of his soap box oratory. Nowadays Herr Haider leaves home with a muzzle. Since the remarkable European election results of his Freedom Party last month — almost 30 per cent of the vote — he has been carefully circling the citadels

Roger Boyes reports from Klagenfurt on the meteoric rise of a politician who has praised Nazi policies and may be carried into power by anti-Maastricht tactics

of power. A party congress this weekend will confirm the new bid for respectability: a bright mini-skirted doctor of law, Susi Riess, is to become the party general secretary. Unlike her male colleagues in the leadership, she never lets slip a comment about greasy job-stealing foreigners or Jewish conspiracies. And if British than two years at meetings in Oxford, Paris and London. There have, he said, been other contacts with British Conservatives, visiting Vienna. The Conservative Party has denied holding talks with Herr Haider.

And now for the master olan. If, as expected, the European summit in London

6 It is unsettling to see the rapid rise of nationalism in Austria, birthplace of Hitler and the Nazi elite 9

Euro-sceptics in the Conservative Party or the Referendum Party can give him a leg up by helping to form a cross-national anti-Maastricht alliance then so much the better. Herr Haider says his party has been networking with Conservatives in the so-called European Research Group ~ which aims at bonding Euroscentic politicians — for more

in March 1998 decides who is in and who is out of economic and monetary union (EMU) and if Austria makes the grade, then Herr Haider will spring his trap. "We will immediately launch a petition demanding a referendum on the single currency and I can

see no problem in raising the necessary signatures. The petition will then be

which must decide how to The extraordinary thing is this: we will have the presidency in the second half of 1998, and we will also have a general election, probably at the beginning of 1999.

"So if the governing parties turn down our request for an EMU referendum they will put us in an unstoppable pole position for the elections. If on the other hand they approve a referendum, the vote will probably go against the euro and we are the ones who will

Popular discontent with Europe, in other words, will carry Herr Haider into government for Austrian loyalty to the schilling far outweighs misgivings about his party. It is, say Freedom Party stratefail if only because the current

Social Democrats and the conservative People's Party appears to be in a deep coma". The key, to borrow from John Cleese's Fawity Towers performance, is not to

Herr Haider's party has to be beyond any suspicion that it is a right-wing extremist group or, as Austrian commentators phrase it "Fascistoid". It is absurd, says Herr Haider, to suggest that the party is National Socialist—
"if anything, we are slightly to the left of the British Conservatives". He said: "I was born in 1950 and I am among the older ones now in our party we are the youngest party with the youngest voters."

... Yet there is something unsettling about the rapid rise of a nationalist movement in Austria, birthplace of Hitler and many of the Nazi elite. Franz Schausberger, the histo-rian and People's Party politi-cian, this week pointed to the parallels between the National Socialist German Workers' Party in 1932 and today's Freedom Party.

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loyalty of small shopkeepers. both have strong populist But in fact there are as

many differences as there are similarities. To become Chancellor in 1998-99 Herr Haider will almost certainly need a coalition partner. It could be either the Social Democrats or the People's Party, but he notes that the People's Party is moving his way on Europe. The cards, in other words, are already being reshufiled in Austria. And, when the governing parties in Austria start dealing directly with Herr Haider, then he hopes that there will no longer be a need for British politicians to deny having contact with him.

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Motorist knocks down blasphemy charge

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

TO THE dismay of the Vatican, a court ruled yesterday that blasphemy against the Virgin Mary was no longer a crime under Italian law.

The ruling emerged when Massimo Catuzzi, 23 and unemployed, from Avezanno in Abruzzo, was stopped by police while driving a new Alfa-75 sports car imported from France, where VAT is lower. He was unable to prove the car was legally imported, and police confis-cated it. Signor Caruzzi then "let out a torrent of curses against God, the Madonna and all the saints", police said.

Police charged Signor Catuzzi not only with illegally importing the car, but also with blasphemy under Article 724 of the penal code. Signor Catuzzi's lawyer contested the blasphemy charge, and a judge in Avezanno ruled that while taking the name of God in vain was still a crime, inveighing against the Virgin Mary was not. Blasphemy has been an

offence in Italy since Roman times. But Italians habitually use a rich vocabulary of insults, almost all of which involve religion. Signor Caruzzi's lawyer, Roberto Jageregger, said he had taken advantage of a little noticed change in the law by the Constitutional Court, differen-tiating between blasphemy against "the Divinity" and abuse of "venerated per-

sons" such as the Virgin Mary. Vatican officals said last night insulting God and the Virgin Mary carried the same weight in the confessional.



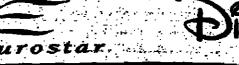
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From the stirring cadences of

Homer's Iliad to the chilling

stomp of Shostakovich's Lenin-

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about the moral value of art, if

there is any? And what does it tell

us about ourselves, as we sit

enjoying entertainment derived

from man's inhumanity to man?

These are heavy questions for Saturday breakfast. But at a time

when the "violence quota" of films

and television is under scrutiny, it

is worth reminding ourselves that

the tradition of writing, drawing or singing about the killing fields

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Why is this? What does it say

civilisation: the artists.

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■.OPINION

Artists have often been both fascinated and repelled by the sights and sounds of war



■ DANCE

Darcey Bussell shines as the Royal Ballet stages MacMillan's Prince of the Pagodas





POP

The right band at the wrong time: Screaming Trees survived grunge, but fashion may be the death of them



■ NEXT WEEK

The making of an epic: behind the scenes as **English National** Opera prepares for Die Soldaten

Into battle with pen or paintbrush

ject of war has inspired a remarkable amount of the world's implacably opposed to "gun cul-ture" and "knife culture" might punder the irony that £42 million has just been spent on a new museum — the Royal Armouries grad Symphony, the smell of bloodshed has had a curiously in Leeds — devoted to celebrating the tools of death. I don't say that energising effect on those who are this is wrong; merely that the relationship between culture and violence goes a great deal deeper than a Daily Mail editorial.

It would be comforting but blinkered, to imagine that art has always been on the side of the angels. True, there have been some stupendous statements of pacitism. What tourist in Madrid, moving from Goya's Shootings of May 3rd 1808 to Picasso's Guernica, does not feel a desolate despair at seeing these overwhelming portrayals of human vileness echoing each other across the centuries? Who can read Wilfred Owen's

poems and not rage, even at 80

years' distance, at the waste and folly catalogued with such tender restraint by a man surviving, and then not surviving, in the squalor of the trenches? Who does not hear, in the disruptive martial fanfares of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis, a perpetual warning from the greatest of all visionaries about the fragility of peace? Yet even in pacifist art there is

ambiguity: a tension between the message (don't make war) and the medium (actually, the sounds and sights of battle are thrilling). When Francis Coppola choreographs the helicopter gunships to Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries, the image is nasty but also disturbingly exhilarating. It certainly overwhelms any "anti-war" message that Apocalypse Now may carry.

Something similar happens in Tippen's Trojan War opera, King Priam. The work's philosophy is



RICHARD MORRISON

utterly bleak. Kings and heroes stumble to war for the "best of reasons", but the result is the same as if they were mass-murderers: mies clash by night; civilisation is

Yet the curious truth is that Tippett, the conscientious objector jailed for pacifism, litters King Priam with the sounds of bloodstained glory: spectacularly harsh fanfares; bloodcurdling war-cries. We are invited to be repelled and dazzled by war at the same time. Very disconcerting, very murky, very 20th-century, very honest.

I feel more queasy about Britten's War Requiem. Not, this time, because of any ambiguity inside the work - it is a flawlessly contrived piece of political correctness - but because its pacifism sits so oddly alongside the sadism and perversion that litters Britten's other works: child-beating in Peter Grimes, cannibalism in St Nicholas, rape in The Rape of Lucretia. lashing and hanging in Billy Budd, psychological hounding in

AFTER ten years of hard

labour, hard liquor and hard

luck. Screaming Trees have finally arrived in the right place, but at the wrong time. Their seventh album, Dust,

has been acclaimed as a post-

grunge masterpiece. But the

British pop landscape has changed beyond recognition

since the band from

Ellensburg, Washington, last

Back then, doom, gloom

and Americans with loud gui-

tars were all the rage. Now, in

the wake of Britpop, we are entering one of those glamor-

ous pure-pop phases, and American rock'n'roll is only

invited to the party if it dresses

One look at singer Mark

Lanegan is enough to get

Screaming Trees turned away

at the door. The lank hair, the

leather trousers, the vaguely

haunted expression ... this man has "serious rocker" writ-

ten all over him. He stands, gripping the microphone stand with both hands, as if he

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man supposedly appalled by vio-lence, Britten did set an awful lot of it to music.

Some of the most touching

responses to war come from unexpected sources. After he had lost his son in Flanders, Kipling that bard of imperial macho wrote his greatest poem, The Children: a short but devastating cry of grief and guilt, in which the wretched details of young death in the trenches are turned over and over, as if by an old man searching for sense in the senseless, and consolation in a hell of eternal selfreproach (They believed us, and perished for it").

hear the same anguished tone in the Cello Concerto written after the First World War by Elgar - another "jaunty jingoist" broken by the deaths not only of

certainties of England itself. Both the Cello Concerto and Elgar's deeply affecting setting of Laurence Binyon's For the Fallen seem to intimate that, in the face of mass slaughter, the artist's only response is lamentation. But today, is even that too much?

Elgar and Kipling lived to know the name Hitler, but neither heard the words Holocaust or atomic bomb. What passing-bells now for these who die as cattle? The answer is that art, like religion, can make no helpful response to genocide. "Total war" has progressed — if that is the right word - beyond any comfort zone that music or poetry can provide, and any artists foolish enough to make "the pity of war" their subject

today usually end up looking crass, glib or opportunistic. No wonder that, after 1945, many serious composers, poets and painters became reluctant to express any overt feeling, retreating instead into the sterile intellectualism which we know as modern

art. But that's another story.

·Singular, perfect Rose

The realm of fairy-tale was never Kenneth MacMillan territory. in ballets like Manon, Mayerling and Romeo and Juliet, he preferred the naturalistic depiction of overwrought human passion and its tragic consequences. So when, in his last full-length ballet, he ventured into the world of fairy-tale, he could

> Prince of the Pagodas Covent Garden

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not resist exploring the darkness at its centre.

The Prince of the Pagodas is an amalgam of well-known. nagrative influences: Sleeping Bocary, Beauty and the Beast, King Lear. But it is Sleeping. Beauty that the late choreographer was honouring in his 1989 ballet, now revived at Covent Garden after an absence of six years. Like Aurora, Princess Rose

undergoes a rite of passage. although - unlike her 19thcentury ancestor - Rose suffers a violent sexual initiation. This takes place in Act II where in a nightmare vision, each of the four Kings has his wicked way with her, none more wicked than the King of the South, whose overpowering of Rose is enacted in

stylised slow motion. Like Sleeping Beauty, however, this fairy-tale has a happy ending. Rose emerges unspoilt, ready to reclaim her Prince from his land of the Pagodas. And the golden glow

A APPLICATION - Andrew Company of the Company of t The Emperor (Anthony Dowell) and his doctors in the Royal Ballet's revival of MacMillan's Prince of the Pagodas

of harmony, the victory of good over evil, is celebrated in Act III with a gush of Petipainspired classicism.

MacMillan's response to Benjamin Britten's difficult score is only sporadically effective. The choreography is, at times, deliberately awkward, with an almost obsessive need to keep the dancers on edge.

Nicholas Georgiadis's ser. inspired by Elizabethan paintings, is - like the court itself - landscape of crenellated castle walls where crouching, halfhuman creatures lie in wait, like vultures before a feed. This was the ballet that

made a star of Darcey Bussell. What inspired MacMillan to choose her as his Rose was her extraordinary freshness, stunning physique and total lack of self-importance. Six years later, Bussell remains a glorious embodiment of lavish physicality, whose radiance and dark and distorted, a dwarf purity shimmer triumphantly

against the jagged corruption of MacMillan's ballet. Bussell's carriage is big.

bold and beautiful. Her limbs unfold with the consistency of double cream, and the sheer hreadth of her dancing still astounds. Dramatically, Rose poses no thespian challenge beyond the portrayal of sweet innocence and compassion, qualities which MacMillan saw came naturally to Bussell.

As for the rest of the opening night cast, performances were mixed. Anthony Dowell did Emperor, the Lear figure who turns daughter against daughter with the unfair division of his realm. Stuart Cassidy was an effective Prince and handled his demotion to salamander well. But Christina McDermott, making her debut as the malicious half-sister Epine, was not yet on top of her dancing.

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rules of rock'n'roll by being rather fat. Also on stage is 'guest" guitarist Josh Homme (of the Californian group Kyuss) and drummer Barrett Martin, who ends the show by lifting his bass drum above his head and hurling it to the floor in front of him.

They play magnificently. Starting with a moody Shad-ow of the Season and then the downwardly striding riff of Dying Days, with its echoes of Cream's White Room, they distil the essence of traditional heavy rock into a sound that is distinctively their own.

Much of the credit for this belongs to Lanegan. His deep vocal timbre sounds quite unlike the brittle tone of most hard rock shouters. And when the band venture into the more melodic territory of All I Know and the gorgeous new single Sworn and Broken, they could almost be R.E.M. on steroids, or even the Lemonheads before they wimped out.

As usual at this kind of event, the audience plays its own role in the entertainment. Upstairs seems to be full of people who have come directly from the office, but on the dancefloor below, a steady stream of crowd-surfers goes riding over the heads of their peers crammed in front of the stage. The activity reaches fever pitch during the big surges of Gospel Plow and Halo of Ashes, both of which feature vaguely Eastern, sitarlike guitar drones.

It is a mightily impressive display, and if this wasn't an industry so beset by the vagaries of fashion, you would say that here is a band whose moment had come.

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Mandarins, politicians and morality

Whitehall dreads turning emotion

into law, argues Sue Cameron

hitehall knows of no spectacle so depress-ing as the British political class in one of its periodic fits of morality. It is not the potential hypocrisy of it all that is creating gloom throughout the upper echelons of the Civil Service. It is the prospect of ministers and backbenchers spewing out great gobbets of raw emotion and demanding that officials

turn them into law. Civil servants know in their bones that legislating to make people good is an impossibility. Yet such is the hysteria sweeping through Westminster that politicians of all persuasions seem determined to make the attempt. Party leaders are vying with each other to display their moral credentials to a sceptical pub-lic and Whitehall fears for the

consequences. Civil servants know it is they who will be left to cope with the mess in the form of illconsidered laws that are rushed through with the aim of making political capital out of the present tide of moral

Forthcoming legislation on handguns, knives and stalkers is all too likely to fall into this category. Meanwhile, carefully considered Bills that officials have been working on for months are to be dropped lest they stir up an ungodly row with moral authoritarians on the political fringe. One example is the Adoption Bill, which would end the cruelty of preventing couples adopting a child they have reared from habyhood purely because he or she is ethnically different from them. Ministers fear right-wing backbenchers will cause a furore by demanding amendments banning adop-

tion by gays or lesbians. With a likely six months to go before the general election. there is little the Civil Service can do but grit its teeth and government. Civil servants are always uneasy with matters of morality," remarked The Civil Service is about the practicalities of government. about what will work and what will not. If a country has lost its way in a broad, moral sense then you cannot and should not expect civil servants to navigate a way through - it's not their job. That is the job of political leaders, of the media and of

But the reality is that civil servants are being asked to provide what one called "quick fixes" for the moral indignation that has seized Westminster. The drawback is that good law and quick responses

do not go together. Whitehall abhors bad law. It causes misery and frustration to the public, it injures the professional pride of civil servants, it generates hostile correspondence and embroils the Government in endless court cases. Civil servants also have the daunting prospect of de-fending the indefensible for years to come - governments are notoriously unwilling to give up slots in the legislative timetable so that defective laws can be corrected. Witness

the Dangerous Dogs Act. What is galling for officials is that in the present political climate they are powerless to insist on stringent standards being applied to new legislation. Take the row over knives. Drawing a legal distinction between kitchen knives and those designed purely for combat is extraordinarily difficult. Even if a definition could be agreed, it is doubtful if a ban on combat knives would be enforceable.

Yet with Labour threatening to outdo the Government in its demand for a moral stand against violence, ministers are finding it increasingly hard to resist calls for quick-fix legislation. Michael Howard's plan for new police powers to stop and search undesirables for combat knives is an idea everyone must applaud. But whether further proposals to ban the knives themselves will prove workable is another

matter And if the Government is not careful, the two-strikes-and-you're-out law against stalking could catch every rejected suitor who tries to persuade his beloved to change her mind. Spiteful people may have the chance to turn broken love affairs into full-scale courtroom dramas.

Handguns provide another example of politicians accepting shoddy standards of administration in their bid to capture the morality vote. After the Dunblane massacre, Lord Cullen's inquiry spent months taking evidence and weighing it up. Yet ministers announced a near total handgun ban when they had barely had time to read the report, let alone consider its suggestions. criticised for taking a different view from that of a particular report — but only after giving some thought to the recommendations.

This is not to suggest that no attempt should be made to curb the culture of violence in our society by toughening up the law. What is at issue is the way it is done. Civil servants believe that the first aim of planned new laws on guns and knives is to win votes - a reasonable objective for politicians, but one that leaves little room for Whitehall to apply its rigorous standards of fairness legislation. Nor is this another case of the Sir Humphreys opposing change out of innate conservatism. Whitehall is often guilty of that, but here there is genuine concern about the difficulties of getting the law right.

ome politicians believe the public and the Civil Service should take comfort from the way the leading parties are seeking a consensus over legislation on certain moral questions. The proposed ban on combat knives is the most obvious example. with Mr Howard consulting the other parties. Whitehall does not share the sanguine view that this is desirable. Put the point to senior civil servants and they groan audibly. Experience has taught them that political opposition at least holds out some hope of legislation being scrutinised and amended so that it ends as a reasonable statute. With all the political parties in cahoots there is far less chance of that

Ultimately, there is a high price indeed to be paid for hurried, badly drafted, unworkable legislation. It undermines the moral force of our law by bringing it into disrepute. Without that moral authority, all the high principled efforts of the Westminster legislature are worthless.

Gerry Adams is wrong to blame the British for the Irish linguistic decline, says Geoffrey Wheatcroft

Why Hebrew is living

hroughout these is-lands, we are witnessing the death of the ancient and beautiful Celtic languages, which is a great sadness. But whose fault is it? According to Gerry Adams, in a letter of The Times on Wednesday, it was "English hegemony" which destroyed Irish Gaelic, "as part of a process of seeking to under-mine any sense of Irish identi-

ry and making British colonial rule acceptable". That is not wholly false. But, if English hostility was one factor in the demise of Gaelic, it was only one. Daniel O'Connell was the greatest leader Catholic Ireland has ever had, and a cradle Gaelic-speaker. but he was also a contemporary of the Utilitarians, and of the Jacobins who wanted to extirpate those barbarous jargons" like Breton or Provencal. as relics of feudalism and slavery". O'Connell likewise saw Gaelic as an impediment

see it die. Then the language was dealt an appalling blow by the Great Famine and by emigra-tion, before Douglas Hyde founded the Gaelic League in 1893 to revive the language. This was adopted as the great

to progress, and was content to

and Irish Gaelic is dying cultural project of advanced or

republican" nationalism in Ireland. In 1916, Patrick Pearse, who led the Easter Rising and was sentenced to death by the British, believed that he was dying for the Gaelic language, and after 1922 the newly autonomous Irish Free State began a ferocious policy of official Gaelicisation

For generations, Gaelic (or Irish, as nationalists like to call it) was taught compulsori-ly in Irish schools. Proficiency was a requirement for civil servants and barristers. Every official institution or post was given a Gaelic name. Eamon de Valera's 1937 Constitution pronounced Gaelic the "first national language" of the

And today, after 75 years of political autonomy, the Gaelic Revival has been a total and unqualified failure, not to say an abject and contemptible

failure. Gaelic is now the everyday language of fewer than 20,000 people, a fraction of a per cent of the Irish population.

If English malice explains the decline of Gaelic when Ireland was ruled by England, how does it explain the failure of the revival since independence, especially when Ireland is compared with other countries?

The Finns and the Czechs were also ruled by larger and more powerful neighbours. and their languages were sim-ilarly overshadowed. Finnish by Swedish and then Russian. Czech by German. Today, the Finns speak Finnish. Czechs speak Czech, and the Irish speak English. Another comparison

starker still. At the time Hyde founded the Gaelic League, there were still several hundred thousand native Gaelicspeakers. Hebrew was the

Jews' Latin, liturgical and literary language, but it hadn't been a vernacular since the Babylonian Captivity. Today. Hebrew is the everyday lan-guage of five million people, roughly equivalent to the whole population of Ireland, and more Palestinian Arabs talk Hebrew than Irish talk

e Valera used to speak with awe and envy of the "miraculous" rebirth of Hebrew. It was indeed astonishing, perhaps the most remarkable accomplishment of Zionism, but it was not a miracle. It required no devine intervention only a collective act of will which the Irish could have emulated if they had chosen. They didn't, and thereby existentially confuted

republicanism". To call the failure abject and contemptible does not mean that the Irish are an abject and

definition mean that they are not the people Hyde, Pearse and de Valera claimed they

Instead of being revived as a vernacular. Gaelic came to play a quaint toternic role in the official life of Ireland Although the head of government speaks English in parliament, he is called the Taoiseach", and it is called "Dail". (Incidentally, Taoiseach doesn't literally mean "prime minister", it means "Leader", just like "Duce" or Fu hrer"; a fashionable type of name at the time

they were all adopted.) Not only is Ireland the one country on earth where the parliament, the prime minis-ter and the political parties all have names in an unspoken language. Even quainter, we on this side of the Irish Sea. politicians and journalists. connive at the pretence by

using those Gaelic names. This is odder still since we don't talk or write about "the Democristiani, the Kanzler, Helmut Kohl", or "the Chambre des députés" in Paris though the Italians, Germans and French do actually speak their own languages. Perhaps we should make a practice of saying Soldiers of Destiny for Fianna Fail, "Band of Gaels" for Fine Gael, and "We Ourselves" for Sinn Fem.

That is most sombre of all is that last name. Every time we hear the words Sinn Fein it is a reminder that cultural and linguistic nationalism, which could have been such a grative and nourishing force Ireland, has been a total failure in its own terms, but has at the same time been prostituted to the most sterile and murderous form of political nationalism.

If Irish republicans had devoted to the linguistic revival half the energy they have devoted to violence, Gaelic might not be - as it is, alas, on the point of extinction. But then, as Gerry Adams knows. reviving a language is awfully like hard word. Killing children is so much easier.

Hong Kong: blighted by Britain

Once an elegant colonial port, it now

resembles Fritz Lang's Metropolis

wo Hong Kongs are shortly to be handed over by Britain to the Chinese. One is a partly democratic political entity of the six million people (of which I shall write next week). The other is not partly anything. It is one of the world's most astonishing cities. as big in population as London and as architecturally stunning as Manhattan.

When I first visited it two decades ago, I asked a local official how the city would develop over the rest of British rule. Hong Kong Island could surely be a paradise resort of the 21st century, I said. He looked incredulous. "The Chinese are going to wreck it anyway," he said. "This is a case of slash and burn. Hong Kong property is good for one serious harvest."

There are six months to go and the harvest is bearing sensational fruit. Today's Hong Kong is completely unrecognisable from in 1973, and again ten years later. First, almost every trace of old Hong Kong has vanished.

Of the 50 colonial period buildings listed as worth preserving 20 years ago by the antiquities office (under the admirable Solomon Bard) barely 20 survive. Then it was still possible to enjoy the commerical promenade round Chater Gardens and Statue Square. Today this is a forest of skyscrapers. including ones by Norman Foster and I.M Pei. They sway over a maelstrom of traffic flyovers and pedestrian walkways, out of Fritz

Lang's Metropolis. The terrace of Government House once looked out over the harbour to Kowloon on the mainland. Despite handsome restoration by the Pattens. it now huddles beneath a lowering. throbbing, belching wall of glass and steel that makes midtown New York look like a terrace in Pimlico. No harbour is visible, only money, Hong Kong has become a vertical city. Crammed into the mile that divides the waterfront from the Peak escarpment must be the greatest concentration of the tallest towers that man has fixed to rock anywhere on Earth. Towers dot every hillside, cove. horizon and plateau from the island

to the Chinese border. Hong Kong's economic refugees arrived from China not, like most such migrants, to start a new life at the bottom of the housing ladder in shanty towns. They found the em-bracing arms of a British welfare

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state, loyal to the lore of the 1970s high-rise housing estate. They are the best housed, best schooled, best

transported refugees anywhere. Yet the huge townships in the New Territories are today reminiscent of a communist Karl-Marx-Stadt. Were it not for the mountains and sea relieving their monotony, Hong Kong's 500 or so towers would be regarded as an architectural outrage.

The green slopes that once ran down to Aberdeen harbour are hidden behind concrete blocks more than 20 storeys high. Architects occasionally put a pediment here, a cornice line there, a squiggle or a change of colour to lend character to their creations. The attempt is desperate. The conversion of once-lovely Repulse Bay into a monstrous, continuous 30-storey wall of housing is a

> scenic offence. Over this wild development now hovers the same hovers over Hong Kong. What will become of it? The optimist's answer is the nervous

assertion that the city is too rich, too awesome and too indispensable to be stopped. Hong Kong has reached a critical mass. Like London or New York, it cannot

turn back. The logos of high-tech finance houses - Citibank, Standard Chartered. Bank of America - adorn the downtown skyscrapers, as if rendering them immune to evil deities. Their credit lines are secure. Their satellites are in place. They have directors "with friends in Peking". Like the Hongs of old, they are so rich they have won the right to live forever. In the midst of all this money is the communist Bank of China, Pei's silver dagger pinning Peking

firmly to the cause of money. I'm normally an optimist about cities. But something about Hong Kong leaves me uneasy. The place has been primarily a political phenomenon, and its politics are about to change drastically. Peking and its party princelings will pour into Hong Kong next year. like the merchants of old, to make a quick fortune. But they will not do so at any cost.

Of all the forecasts for 1997 and after that I have read, the most plausible is Red Flag Over Hong Kong, by Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and his colleagues (for America's equivalent of Chatham House). It discounts all Chinese promises of civil rights and most promises of



Government House, Hong Kong: overshadowed by the vertical city

conomic freedom. It points out that Hong Kong will eventually become just another Chinese city, vulnerable to corruption, cronvism and distorted priorities. Political rivalry with Shanghai and Canton will be bitter. Every effort by its leaders to keep Hong Kong special will be fought by central government.

The world can show plenty of meteoric cities that have passed from prosperity to decline. The towers of Beirut and Tehran, the skyscrapers of Lagos, the tourist high rises of the

Costa Brava, all saw their days comeand go: subverted by political up-heaval, or by markets that changed and became more discriminating. They survive only as shadows, squatted in by new waves of migrants, driving down property values and causing their environs to deteriorate.

What had been built for the rich found its future with the poor. The gloomiest pessimists envisage the towers of Hong Kong pock-marked with the mortar bombs and tracer bullets of People's Liberation Army units suppressing pro-democracy insurgents. I would be less pessimistic but no less sanguine. Britain has created in Hong Kong a technologically advanced city that is overdeveloped. To make it work requires justice, civil liberty and administrative competence that British colonialism was rare in being able to supply. It is inconceivable that this city could be immunised for long against the chaos and corruption that come with Chinese sovereignty.

After a carefully engineered boom, I would expect Hong Kong to go slowly downmarket. Its richest citizens will move to Singapore or farther afield. Favouritism and socialism will blunt its competitive edge, pollute its stock market and depress its property. The familiar signs will appear. Poorer housing estates will deteriorate and For Sale banners will go up across the proud façades on the waterfront. New immigrants from hitherto unimagined persecutions will colonise the hinterland estates. The university will become rebellious. Lifts will fail, stairs will clog. The horror of high rise development is that it needs high-tech maintenance, as shanty was do not. Hong Kong will start to look will be a phrase to bring tears to the eyes of tenants, taxi drivers and stockbrokers alike. The market bulls, optimists and collaborationists who now attack Chris Patten and talk of Peking's "realism" will recall the early 1990s as a Golden Age.

ut Britain's physical legacy will make Hong Kong's fate harder to bear. How we rule human settlements dictates how they rule us. Brutalise the city and the city will brutalise its inhabitants. The British-built Hong Kong that I saw two decades ago expressed a century - or perhaps half a century of liberal colonialism. The Hong Kong Club, the Customs House, the Victoria Barracks, the corniche road and the mostly unspoilt south of the island all illustrated a British presence that could have been an example to China of balanced town-andcountry development the old alongside the new, landscape respected, diversity conserved.

Just as Britain is rightly allowing the Chinese to "choose" democracy or dictatorship next year, it should be letting them choose between of serving a well-ordered urban legacy or destroying it. Instead today's Hong Kong is a relentless, inflexible city, expensive to maintain, its horizons exciting but defiled and its streets devoid of memorials to its past. At its heart is a cluster of skyscrapers. gigantic, dazzling symbols of capitalism. We must remember that China's rulers remain firmly committed to the destruction of that capitalism. Britain has left them an easy target.

Daggers out

Yemeni tribesmen: role models for Malcolm Rifkind's retinue

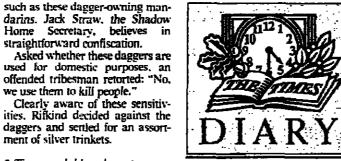
happening

to snatch an idle moment in Yemen than browsing for souvenirs through its souks, as Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and his delegation discovered on his recent trip to the country's capital,

Foreign Office staff and journalists settled to a man on one of the the ceremonial dagger - short. sharp, indispensable and freely

available to the passing tourist. Back in London. Rifkind's Cabinet colleagues were wrestling with the problem of dangerous knives. with Michael Howard talking of "suss" laws to stop and search

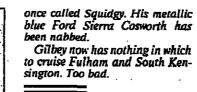
• The gun lobby plans to exact revenge on the Government for its suspected gangs of knife-holders new restrictions on gun ownership. In a spitefu! little move, the British Shooting Sports Council is urging those with firearms to vote for Jimmy Goldsmith's Referendum



da for taking too much time off to write a book. He describes a meeting after which she left his office "almost in tears, clearly aghast at the idea of being made to work for a paper that paid her salary".

Linda insists that no such meeting took place and that Neil distorted an account of her subsequent industrial tribunal hearing which she lost. Her solicitors, Shepstone Welsh, are threatening proceedings: "It's a matter of regret that Mr Neil, a former Editor of The Sunday Times, can't get his facts right."

• Lennox Gardens. a chi-chi little corner of London, has been suffering from a spate of car thefts. Latest victim is James Gilbev, motor racing executive and close friend of Diana, Princess of Wales, whom he



Blubbergate DIETARY news: President Clinton snapped on the weight-watching front just days before his election



"Act fast. Caesar's thinking of banning combat knives"

victory. Campaign team dieticians had desperately been urging Democrats at fundraising dinners to adhere to low-fat menus. To no avail. Tired of endless lowfat, low-salt food, in San José one evening the President took on the

demeanour of an angry warthog: he cleaned his plate three times then, on returning to his plane, polished off a roast beef dinner. Before long he was back to sending out for double orders of fried

chicken and chips. The New Republic reports that in one sitting, he guzzied marinated crab claws. crawfish gazpacho, pan-seared yellowfin tuna with Creole tomato cream and Louisiana crawfish tails, catfish, pecan country apple pie with home-made cinnamon icecream and caramel sauce, white chocolate bread pudding and home-made raspberry yoghurt".



TIME to reach for the clothes pegs as Michael Jackson's own brand of cologne finally waits on to the market. Eau de Jackson, an idea planted in Jackson's head by his friend Elizabeth Taylor, had been due out a couple of years ago. Then some rather unsavoury stories about the



Taylor: inspiration

singer and young boys popped up. Not the sort of publicity to guarantee the scent a place alongside Old Spice in a man's bathroom cabinet.

Now it is to be revived. At first the cologne will be marketed in Europe and Asia, where for some reason it is felt that Jackson's reputation is less soiled. But forget hairy chests and sunsets. Jackson's smell is expected to be

non-gender-specific

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BUCCANEERS FOR BRITAIN

. Tories must be the party of the global trading nation

Since Her Majesty unveiled her Government's speech last month little has gone well for her ministers. At the start of this parliamentary session Tory strategists believed voters would return to a party which had delivered a powerful economy and which had policies closer to popular feeling on the social issues of greatest concern to the anxious classes - education and crime. In the short weeks since the Commons returned the Government has seen Labour steal its clothes on crime and a march in the polls. Ministers have forfeited credit for new disciplinary measures in schools with their own indiscipline on the airwaves. The economy remains robust but voters who remember the forced devaluation of four autumns ago will be inclined to think that growth has occurred despite, not because of, this Government.

The Tory leadership, angered by opposition opportunism and perplexed by the voters' ingratitude, has reacted sourly. Labour may well have cynically appropriated public concern about handguns and combat knives but the Conservatives' approach to law and order has also been marked by a keen sense of how to maximise party advantage. Ministers, instead of making disparaging references to Mr Blair as an American evangelist, might learn from America and start evangelising.

The Conservatives are handicapped in their ability to woo back the voters won by Thatcherism because the messengers are not always comfortable with the message. Greater radicalism in education with an extension of choice and selection should enthuse Tory voters but it does not excite the Education Secretary. The success of the economy since 1992 has depended on independence from Europe but that is not an

argument one will hear from the Chancellor. The story of economic success is also more difficult to tell because it cuts across one of the other themes that ministers must make their own - the need to make Britain more competitive yet. Yet the Conservatives should not shirk this message. The case for a smaller State is supportable morally because it maximises freedom, but it is also necessary economically because of the threat from the emerging economies of East Asia and Eastern Europe. Cutting taxes should be sold not as a way of winning an election, but a means of safeguarding jobs by keeping Britain competitive. The Government's White Paper on Trade later this month will bang Drake's drum for a buccaneering Britain. Central to that vision should be the State as flexible privateer rather than unwieldy and obsolete galleon.

Of course, the smaller State, like the far horizon, always appears out of reach. A series of positive, and practical suggestions on what to cut is, however, contained in a draft Tory manifesto published last month by the Centre for Policy Studies. A Conservative Agenda: Proposals for a fifth term, ranges across the public sector and advances imaginative proposals for healthcare vouchers, deregulation of welfare, the privatisation of the Crown Prosecution Service and prisons, the reform of student finance and the slimming of central government which any future Tory government should embrace and any Conservative opposition might use to shame Labour's own efforts to control expenditure.

The temper of the times is not, perhaps, as conducive to liberal economic reforms as it was in the Eighties. Certainly, any party which seeks to govern over the next five years will have to develop a language and policies which speak to the civic concerns developed by Frances Lawrence and others. That need not be difficult for the Conservatives. They can argue effectively that voters' concerns about the state of society spring from the social changes of the Sixties, not the economic reforms of the Eighties.

But even as that case is made, the arguments for even greater radicalism in the economic field must be advanced. The price of prosperity is adaptation, the duty of government is to show the way. This Government has allowed itself to be overwhelmed by forces outside its control and tarnished by allegations of sleaze. If the impression of both is ever to be erased then the Conservatives must convey a new sense of purpose. That purpose should be to reacquaint Britain with its true traditions, as a global trading nation.

PLASTERS OF PARIS

A unique fragment of Europe's past at risk

Amid the graver matters of Zaire, the 48hour week and monetary union, it is unlikely that John Major found time in Boxdeaux to show concern over the sheeten.M Versailles plaster statues described by our Paris Correspondent on page 19 today. Perhaps he has no concern. The collection of 2,000 reproductions of Greek and Koman. sculptures and buildings housed in the enormous "small stables" at Versailles is not as politically sensitive as the EU's working time directive: but their fate should be a source of concern to all of Europe. When two dozen of the world's leading art historians sound the alarm about plans to rehouse the collection, they should at least be heard.

Conservation campaigns frequently suffer from the self-inflicted damage of exaggeration. The Versailles mouldings will never be a mass tourist attraction, but they do amount to a priceless and irreplaceable record. Assembled over three centuries by French rulers determined to confront their artists and architects with the right inspiration, they have gradually gained in value as historical evidence. As the original Parthenon or Temple of Castor and Pollux in the. Roman forum have weathered and been eaten by atmospheric pollution, the plaster casts remain perfect copies of the works as they were two or three centuries ago. Threatened in 1968 by Parisian rioters armed with hammers, they were moved from the École des Beaux Arts to Versailles. Con I'm about another possible move to an as yet unknown location stems from the damage which was done by the hurried move of the 1960s.

The value of the casts stretches beyond the fact that they record important works in relatively undamaged states. They were a vital medium of communication over the two centuries which saw classical art rediscovered and spread throughout Europe, setting styles and habits which surround us still. The French were not the only nation whose Renaissance artists and teachers hungrily digested and reproduced classical themes and disciplines. But they were much the most efficient collectors.

What began with private collections became public policy. Louis XIV's minister Jean-Baptiste Colbert ordered that the King's court "must have in France everything that is beautiful in Italy. Drawings were duly drawn, prints printed and casts made. We know that France's most subtle sculptor of the previous century, Jean Goujon, relied on plaster casts brought on slow mule journeys from Italy. Casts adorned many private collections and became part of a huge pan-European fashion for classical reproductions. The nymphs, caryatids and columns filling the space which Versailles now wants to turn into a tourist reception centre played their part in forming Europe's idea of itself.

If the French authorities must move the mouldings, the move should be carefully supervised and take the collection to a space sufficiently large to allow scholars and visitors proper access. Even better, the Culture Ministry might find a better place than the stable block to receive visitors to Versailles and leave the fragile plaster casts

WICKET MAIDENS

Women and children come first at sea, but second to cricket

There's a breathless wife in the Close tonight — Ten to make and man of the match -The voice of the girlfriend sounds proud and

"You're my ideal of a perfect catch." Should families accompany the England cricket team on tour? Most cricketers' wives say yes: why should we suffer December at home, while our husbands are wintering under the sun of Zimbabwe and New Zealand? Familiar female presence, it is said, calms the bad behaviour of young men

abroad, and keeps their eyes on the ball. Michael Atherton, the captain, and John Barday, the tour manager, think otherwise and have asked their cricketers not to bring camp-followers with them this winter. He argues that a team plays better without domestic distractions and that on last year's disastrous tour of South Africa, the accompanying families were almost as numerous

as the camp-followers of Wellington's army. So far the case seems to be going against the authorities. The uxoriously correct umpiers finger has been firmly raised against them. Sportsmen these days are meant to be rounded human beings with contracts to advertise beer, not singleminded gladiators. Married ones sometimes have to break the tour in order to fly back for

family alarms and occasions. In any case it is impossible to ban wives in these days of easy travel, high earnings and individual freedom even for cricketers.

It would be reactionary to relegate wives to their old role on the boundary and in the tea tent. Touring with wives even has precedents. W. G. Grace took his new wife on his tour of Australia as early as 1873 on what became known as the "honeymoon tour". The former Duke of Norfolk took his daughters on an MCC tour of Australia: they were known to players as the Norfolk

And yet the old monastic rules had advantages. As Harold Pinter once put it: "everyone knows which comes first when it's a question of cricket or sex - all discerning people recognise that". A successful team needs to bond in brotherhood. Test teams once steamed away for six months to represent their country, like an army off to war. They often won. Today they fly away on too frequent tours. And England last won a

major tour ten years ago. A judgment of Solomon (Joe Solomon, the West Indies cricketer whose throw ran out the last Australian in the first tied Test) would be to discourage camp-followers from touring. Their fares would be paid out only if there was a victory to celebrate at the end.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From Mr Richard Parsons

Sir, The Government is reported as having responded to President Chirac's call for a multinational force to be sent to Central Africa by acknowledging his suggestion to be an "important" proposal; but at the same time it is expressing reluctance to get involved in a part of Africa "where Britain has hardly any interests" (report, earlier editions, November 6).

True we conduct little trade in the region and there are no large oil deposits for us to worry about, but have we really reached the stage where humanitarian concerns alone cannot motivate policy?

The long-term solution to this crisis has to be political and diplomatic. In the short term we must save lives. The British Government should launch an initiative to mobilise a pan-European force with the very precise brief to establish safe havens for refugees. Once this is achieved, all development aid (as opposed to relief aid) to the region should be put on immediate hold: trade sanctions should be threatened and, if necessary, imposed until regional politicians agree a formula for bringing this horror to an end.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD PARSONS, Swallowdale. Priston, Bath, Somerset. November 6.

From Mr John Rayner

Sir, Once again we are being urged to commit military forces to a peacekeeping role. One assumes that most of our service personnel enrolled in the belief that if their lives were to be put at risk it would be while serving the interests of their country.

If we send military units to perilous situations in which this country has little interest, should not those units be formed entirely from volunteers?

Yours faithfully. JOHN RAYNÉR, 29 Norval Road. North Wembley, Middlesex. November 7.

From Mr Alan Forward

Pressure for intervention in Zaire

Sir, Mr John Snodgrass (letter, November 5) supports intervention in Zaire, even though there would be a risk of it being "denounced as interference in internal affairs, if not neo-colonialism, and no Western country would happily accept the odium of pressing it".

This might once have been true, but there is now an accurate appreciation that British colonialism brought an era of peace, security and development, both economic and political, to large parts of Africa. There were mistakes, not least the accelerated speed with which we left.

I suggest that there would not be any odium if the British Government pressed for international intervention. In Uganda 300,000 people were killed while we turned our backs during the Amin and Obote regimes. We must now reduce the risk to far greater numbers of people in Zaire, Rwanda and Burundi.

Yours sincerely, ALAN FORWARD (Private Secretary to Sir Walter Coutts last Governor of Uganda, 1962), The Lindens, Poyntington, Dorset. November 5.

From Mr A. J. P. Hinton

Sir, I take exception to the fatalism advanced by Professor Clapham (letter. November 5) and his confidence in "the emergence of effective domestic regimes which are capable of govern-

ing responsibly". The breakdown of peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts in Somalia, and the failure of the international community to find workable solutions to the problems of Rwanda (and so far Zaire), highlight just how much more needs to be done, and how flawed previously half-hearted or misguided ating justification for continued laisser faire. tempts have been, rather than provid-

Yours sincerely, ANDREW HINTON, 4 Lone Pine Way, Ferndown, Dorset.

History and the language of Ireland From Dr Robert I. Frost mock other people's languages. It is

Sir, Mr Gerry Adams (letter, November 6) is quite right to attack the tone of your reflections on the position of the Irish language; but it is a pity that his familiarity with the history of his own country is even more superficial than that which he attributes to you.

It was not an English Government but an Irish Parliament, albeit a Protestant one, which passed the anti-Catholic Penal Laws after the defeat of the Jacobite forces in the early 1690s; it was thus an Irish Parliament, against the wishes of the English Government, which overturned the relatively generous terms (given the circumstances) accorded the defeated Irish Jacobites in the 1691 Treaty of Limerick.

Although the Penal Laws undoubtedly had deleterious consequences for Irish Catholics, particularly with regard to land ownership, it is to be doubted whether they had any serious effect on the position of the Irish language: the vast majority of Irish speakers would never have had any "formal education" in the Irish tongue, regardless of the penal code.

In any case, the religious and cultural provisions of the code were but weakly enforced and were progressively dismantled, largely by the same Protestant Irish Parliament, between 1772 and 1829.

It is high time that all sides in the Irish peace process turned their attention to the future, rather than peddling their highly selective views of the past. The main problem is not the "medieval, colonial mindset" of the British Government - whatever that historically illiterate phrase might mean - but, as it has been since at least the 17th century, the acute difficulty of reconciling two, if not three, different Irish cultural traditions.

Yours faithfully ROBERT I. FROST. King's College London, Department of History, Strand, WC2. November 6.

From Mr D. Barton Sir, Mr Adams is right in at least one respect: it is churlish and unwise to

also unwise to judge distant historical events from a selective and partisan late 20th-century perspective.
The Welsh, Scottish and Irish lan-

guages were all discriminated against or banned by the governments of the day, and we may fairly assume an underlying cultural arrogance at the time. But there was also a positive philanthropic component — condes-cending perhaps, but valid. How could the Welsh, Scots and Irish effectively seek employment, betterment, admission to the universities and so on in the wider kingdom without knowledge of the dominant lan-

The compulsion may seem hard in retrospect, but in the days before free obligatory primary education, a laisser faire policy would have benefited only the ambitious and prosperous. Compulsory English opened the door to all, and — inter alia — gave us the giants of Irish literature.

D. BARTON Christopher's, Powntley Copse. Alton, Hampshire.

From Mr Russell McCormick

Sir, It seems to me that the English were doing the Irish a favour by trying to eliminate the speaking of the Irish language.

I learnt Irish at school in Ireland and, like most attempts to create a culture by imposing a language, it was a complete waste of time and money. What a pity not to learn something useful, like German, Italian, or Spanish. Mr de Valera used to say, "gan teanga gan tir", without a language, without a country: what romantic and dangerous nonsense.

English is the world language and most foreigners rightly spend a lot of time and money learning it, not learning a dead language such as Irish.

Yours sincerely, R. C. McCORMICK. 17 River Green. Hamble, Hampshire. November 7.

Firework risks

From Mr P. G. Richards, FRCS

Sir, The British Medical Association has just released a video on the dangers of boxing. At about the same time was involved in the treatment of a man killed by a firework; one of two who died this week (report, November

Both boxing and fireworks are activities which, in the street, would be considered criminal acts, ie, fighting and causing explosions. They are. however, harnessed for public entertainment by willing participants, despite known dangers. A major difference, however, is that boxing is an extremely well regulated sport which lays great emphasis on medical screening and care of its participants. It also kills and injures far fewer people than fireworks.

Perhaps the BMA should be making an effort to get fireworks banned. Alternatively, might it not accept that there are certain hazardous occupations which some people are prepared to undertake, even if it may offend

some elements of the BMA.
In overall health terms both fireworks and boxing have a tiny effect and perhaps the BMA should really turn its attention to highlighting some of the more pressing problems of healthcare such as alcohol, cigarettes and the inequalities in health between rich and poor.

Yours faithfully, PETER RICHARDS Consultant neurosurgeon). The Radcliffe Infirmary. Woodstock Road, Oxford. November 4.

From Mr Nigel G. Meek

Sir, Dangerous dogs, boxing, guns, knives and now fireworks. Is there no public figure not so corrupted by ambition, fear of the mob or lust for personal power, who will speak up for the reality of individual liberty over the illusion of collective safety?

Yours faithfully, N. G. MEEK. 58 Burnt Ash Lane, Bromley, Kent.

Hillsborough claims

From Mr R. J. Walsh

Sir, Police officers are volunteers, well paid and receive good pensions. The four officers who were present at Hillsborough obviously found the experience traumatic, but why should they be paid large sums of money (report, November 1)?

During the Second World War I was on active service for 44 years in the Royal Armoured Corps. I don't remember anybody being concerned about the effect the war had on me and thousands like me. I wonder what would have happened if we all decided to go sick. Furthermore I didn't volunteer to join the Army.

Yours faithfully, R. J. WALSH, 88 Deane Drive, Taunton, Somerset.

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Corporate silence on human rights

From the Chairman of Amnesty International UK Business Group

Sir, The November 10 anniversary of Ken Saro-Wiwa's death at the hands of the Nigerian Government will highlight the dilemma of companies which fail to confront the implications for themselves of governmental human rights violations. Corporate silence in the face of world condemnation understandably leads to damage to corporate reputation - damage which is compounded if company operations have contributed, however inadvertently, to such violations.

Companies have traditionally argued that they have neither the power nor the legitimacy to influence such situations; that these are matters of domestic politics or of cultural difference to which no universal standard can apply.

Yet the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which all members of the United Nations subscribe, enjoins "every individual and every organ of society to promote respect for

these rights and freedoms and to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance". This negates conventional corporate arguments that governmental violation of these rights is sacrosanct and that it would be improper to attempt to bring influence to bear Amnesty does not advocate disin-

vestment or boycotts; we urge comimprovement of the human rights climate in which they find themselves. Companies today have a clear choice: either to develop appropriate policies and practices of their own volition, or be forced to do so by growing exposure and growing public pressure, of which the revulsion of their own employees will be a part.

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY CHANDLER, Chairman, Amnesty International UK Business Group, 99-119 Rosebery Avenue, ECI. November 6.

Society's values

From Mr John Stott

Sir, Mr Michael Brindle, QC (letter, October 26), tells us that "socialism . . . recognises the Christian imperative to love thy neighbour". This is not so. Socialism depends on the coercive power of the State to redistribute

God has absolutely nothing to do with coercion. He offers his love to us but refuses utterly to coerce us into loving him or our neighbour. We must be free to love him or to reject him. For this freedom we pay a heavy price - we and our fellows are free to

Our freedom can be misused and this misuse can lead to great suffering. But it is clearly God's will that this price is paid, so highly does he value freedom. Coercion is of course of the essence of social justice. It may be necessary, but it has nothing to do with the gospel, and indeed blocks the operation of grace.

Is it not preposterous to suggest that someone else (the State) can do my loving for me? Yours faithfully,

J. C. STOTT, Bleak House. Coppenhall, Stafford. November 5.

No call for call-up

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt (October 29) recampaigns such as Malaya or Kenya.

That demobbed conscripts' disci-

From Mrs J. Hill

Sir, Mr John Drake (letter, October 31) blames government policies of the last 17 years for the sorry state of society today. I believe the deterioration started back in the 1960s and 70s. The "me first" ethos he mentions was present then in the strikes which brought industry almost to its knees: in the weakness of managers who could not or would not face the challenges of the postwar world; in the schools being used for social engineering by trend-setters and the loony Left instead of for the transmission of knowledge.

These were the decades when our institutions, from the monarchy down, were mocked and authority brought into contempt, the media playing its part. The only role models remaining for the young were the pop groups who degraded our language and culture, and by example made it fashionable to take drugs. Children who grew up then are now parents, and are passing on to their children only what they have learnt.

The slow poison of questionable ideas and destructive behaviour has infiltrated society for three decades. A nation does not change overnight.

Yours faithfully, J. HILL 29 Harbour View Crescent. Penzance, Cornwall.

From Mr Gavin Peck

grets that the Armed Forces no longer inculcate "a sense of duty and service" on the population through National Service. May I remind him that National Service was not retained after the Second World War to teach the nation discipline, but to provide badly needed (and cheap) manpower for Germany, Korea and end-of-empire

pline benefited civilian society shows it reflected the prevailing culture, but this was a bonus. Today the Services do not require the additional numbers

which would be generated by National Service and their infrastructure would need to be massively increased

- training establishments, accommo-

dation - just to cater for male con-

scripts, to say nothing of females who,

presumably in this age of equality,

would also be called up. More importantly, they are not a rehabilitation service to correct the consequences of the country's social policies and we will destroy one of the few remaining institutions which the British respect if we impose this role on

Yours faithfully, GAVIN PECK Brown's Farm, Pound Green. Ramsdell, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Hail to the chief

From Mr Bernie Grant. MP for Tottenham (Lahour)

Sir, Your reporter in "After Bernie" (Diary, November 2) described me as a "tribal chieftain manque".

In view of the obscurity of the word. I checked on its meaning and discovered that it means "would be, potential, unfulfilled". I have to say that your reporter was wrong in describing me in these terms. I would like to the Igbo people in Anambra State in southern Nigeria. I am only awaiting a change in the political situation there in order to complete the formalities. I was also made a Paramount Chief of the Nubian people in Sudan when I visited Sudan in 1994.

I suggest that in future your correspondent checks her or his facts before making such flippant comments at my expense.

Yours faithfully, BERNIE GRANT, House of Commons.

Blair's ideology

From the Reverend Clive L. Rawlins Sir, What nonsense is Ian Thatcher's letter today! Mikhail Gorbachev did not lead "his country to disintegration", but to freedom and opportunity. Even your correspondent's namesake

applauded this Unhappily, Gorbachev's country was too politically immature to think and act freshly - as Tony Blair and

his team are challenging us to do. Sincerely yours, CLIVE L RAWLINS. 37 Willowbrae Road, Edinburgh 8. November 8.

Singing in the aisles From Mr Alan Moss

Sir, You report (November 1) the Church of England children's officer as saying: "Apart from a football ter-race, there is nowhere else lie, other than in a place of worship] where you can stand and sing loudly and in a

safe environment."

May I point out that one can always join, as I have, one of the thousands of amateur choirs. I thus get the opportunity to stand and sing as loudly (and as softly) as I wish, in the safety of the rehearsal room, the concert hall and even, sometimes, the recording studio.

Yours truly, A. MOSS. Heath House, II Lyonsdown Road. Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Bishops' insults

From Professor G. L. Lewis, FBA

Sir, Some years ago, in St John's Senior Common Room, I heard two Anglican bishops (letters. October 28. November 2. 7) antiphonally delivering themselves of a pittless charactersketch of a third, who was not present. When it was concluded, one of them sighed and said: "Ah well, while there's death there's hope."

Yous faithfully. GEOFFREY LEWIS. St Antony's College, Oxford

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 8: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning arrived at Coventry Station and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire (Captain

Lectionant of warwicksnire (capitain the Viscount Daventry). Her Majesty and His Royal High-ness drove to St Michael's Hospital, Warwick, and were received by the Chairman of South Warwickshire Mental Health Services NHS Trust (Lady Owen) and the Mayor of Warwick (Councillor Gerald Guest). The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the hospital, meet-

ing patients and staff.
Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards visited Leyoster
Hospital, Warwick, and were received by the Patron and Chairman.

of the Governors (the Viscount De L'Isle) and the Master (Captain Dermot Rhodes). The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited Warwick Castle and were received by the Chairman of Pearson left (the war with Caste and well received by the Chairman of Pearson plc (the Viscount Blakenham) and Mr Mich-ael Jolly (Chief Executive, the

aci Jolly (Lina Tussauds Group).
Having toured the castle, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended a Luncheon given by the Viscount Blakenham in the State

viscom blateman in the State Dining Room.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, later switched on the Fountain in Bancroft Gardens, Stratford-upon-Avon, to mark the Eight Hundredth Anniversary of the Town and was received by the Mayor. Fown and was received by the Mayor of Stratford-upon-Avon (Councillor

of Stratford-upon-Avon (Councillor Charles Bates).
Her Majesty afterwards viewed the Guild Chapel and laid a Garland in memory of Stratford-upon-Avon's past citizens.
Meanwhile, His Royal Highness visited King Edward VI Grammar School, Stratford-upon-Avon.
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later walked to the Town Hall, accompanied by the Mayor of Stratford-upon-Avon, and attended a Special Council Meeting.
Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently attended a Recep-

ries subsequently attended a Recep-tion in the Town Hall.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, this evening attended a Meeting of The Prince Philip Trust Fund for the

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Queen and the Duke of Edin-burgh will attend the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in the Albert Hall at 7.10. The Duke of York, the Princess Royal, the Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra will attend at 7.00.

attend at 7.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Scotlish Rugby Union, will attend the Scotland v Australia International rugby match at Murrayfield at 3.00.

TOMORROW: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph at 11.00.
The Duke of York, the Princess Royal
and Princess Alexandra will also

Prince Edward, as Patron of the Prince Edward, as Patron of the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain, will attend the 40th anniver-sary gala performance at the Picca-dilly Theatre at 7.55. He will attend a supper party at the Royal Garden Hotel alterwards.

Armistice Day parade and a service for Remembrance Day at Stanning-ton Church. Northumberland, at 10.45.

Leeds Castle Foundation, will attend a 21st anniversary dinner to be given by the trustees at Leeds Castle, Maidstone, at 8.00.

Cruse Bereavement Care

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, President of the Friends of Cruse, was presented with a Cruse Bereavement Care award at Belgrave Square on Wednesday.

TODAY

Mr Hugh Jenkins, chief executive, Prudential Portfolio Managers, 63:

Mr Hugh Leonard, playwright, 70; Dame Kathleen Raven, former chief nursing officer, OHSS, 86; Miss Stella Richman, television producer, 74; Mr Donald Trelford, former Editor, The Observer, 59; Mr. Deca Trajech in markit

Mrs Dessa Trevisan, journalist, 72; Miss Marina Warner, writer

A private dinner was held on Wednesday in Election Hall, Eton College, in honour of Mr J.S.B. Peake who became a House Master 25 years ago. More than 60 old boys celebrated the anniversary with Mr Peake, his wife Sue, and his Dame, Toni Kotch. Mr Guy Monson was in the chair, Mr Tim de Lisle made the loast and Mr Peake responded.

ABC Club Mr Christopher Rawson presided at the annual function of the ABC Club held yesterday at Watermen's Hall. Among those present were

Sir Charles Alexander, Mr N Burston, Mr R Charvet, Mr A Hart, Mr R Hedderwick, Mr M Hinton, Mr B Toye and Mr N Young.

Eton College

Luncheon

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, followed by Dinner, in the Norman Tower, Windsor Casile. ST JAMES'S PALACE November 8: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Medeo Earth Dam

and the Central State Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

His Royal Highness later visited the British Council offices in order to mark the first anniversary of the British Council's work in Kazakh-

and the Central State Museum of the

The Prince of Wales afterwards attended a Luncheon given by Her Majesty's Ambassador for members of the British community and Euro-pean Union and Commonwealth

Ambassadors.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Kazakh State Academy of Architecture and Construction, inaugurated the Masters Course in Environmental Management and attended an exhibition of the works of students of the faculty of Architecture. The Prince of Wales afterwards laid a wreath at the War Memorial in Almany Central Park and visited the Holy Cathedral of the Ascension.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner given by President Nazarbaev.

Nazarbaev.

KENSINGTON PALACE November 8: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Guide Association, this afternoon visited members of the Newcastle

visited members of the Newcastle upon Tyne, the Northumberland and the North Tyneside Guide Counties at the Civic Hall, Wallsend.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear (Colonel St Ralph Carr-Ellison).

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon subsequently opened Rothbury House, the Royal Air Force Association and Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund Convalescent Home at Rothbury.

Benevolent Funs Con-at Rothbury.
Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Land-Lieutenant of Northumberland (The Viscount Ridley, KG).

YORK HOUSE November 8: The Duke of Kent. President, this afternoon attended an Action Japan Committee meeting and lunch, at the Berkeley Hotel, Wilton Place, London SWI.

Memorial service

Dr Kevin Keohane A memorial celebration for the life of Dr Kevin Keohane, a former Rector of the Rochamoton Institute was or me koenaripion institute, was held yesterday in St George's Cathe-dral, Southwark. The Most Rev Michael Bowen, Archishop of Southwark, officiated, assisted by Father Michael Holman who read

Farher Michael Holman who read the lesson.
Professor Paul Black of King's College, London, Father Hugh Bridge of the Myrth Training Agency, Professor Bryan Coles of Imperial College, Sister Armida Veglio of the Ursuline Convent, Wimbledon, and Dr Peter Weston of the Rochampton Institute, paid tribute.
The Right Rev Howard Tripp, Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General in Southwark, was robed and in the Sanctuary. Among others present

Werte:
Mrs Keohane (widow), Dr Siephen
Keohane (son), Dr Kate Keohane, Mrs
Hilary Harrison and Mrs Elfzabeth
Raiph (daughters), Mr Desmond
Keohane (brodier), Mr John Keohane,
Mrs Harrison and other
Mrs Harrison and other Raipin (baigniers), Mr John Keohane.

Mr Jeremy Keohane and other

Mr Anthony Tomes and other

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Nomield Foundation with Mr Richard

Marshall, Mrs Irene Hall, Sir John

Maddox, Sir Brian Young and other

past and present members of the

foundation: and representatives of

Surrey University, Southampton Univ
cristy, Roehampton Insuluie, Kings

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Service, Taylor and Francis Publishers.

Falmer Press, Addlson Wesley

Longman Publishers and Heinemann

Educational Books with many other

friends and colleagues.

Weekend birthdays

The Right Rev James Adams, 81; Mr Kenneth Ashton, trade unionist, 71; Mr David Barrie, director. National Art Collections Fund. 43: Mr Victor Blank, chairman, Charterhouse Bank, 54; Lord Brabourne, 72; Mr David Constant, cricket umpire, 55: Mr Bryan Davies, MP, 57: Mr George Duncan, chairman, ASW Holdings, 63; Sir Robin Gillett, former Lord Mayor of London, 71; Mr Ronald Harwood, playwright, 6≥, Miss Katharine Hepburn, actress, 87; Mr Anthony Holland, former President, Law Society, 58: Mr Alistair Horne, author, 71; Professor LA. Hughes, paediatrician. 52;



Tony Slattery, writer and actor, is 37 today; Sir Tim Rice, lyricist and broadcaster, will be 52 tomorrow

Mr Tom Weiskopf, golfer, 54: Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, 61. TOMORROW Mr A.G. Apley, former director, Department of Orthopaedics, St Thomas' Hospital, 82; Sir Peter

Service dinners

RN Medical Services and

RN Medical Services and Wardmaster Officers
Surgeon Rear-Admiral Alexander Craig, Medical Director General (Navy), was the principal guest at the annual dinner given by past and present RN Medical Services and Wardmaster Officers last night at the Institute of Naval Medicine, Gosport. Commander F. Reed presided.

The Royal Regiment of Wales
Brigadier C.J. Lee, Deputy Colonel of
The Royal Regiment of Wales
[24th/41st Foot], presided at the
annual dinner heid last night at The
Park Hotel, Cardiff.

Association
The Ambussador of Oman was present at the annual dinner of the Sultan's Armed Forces Association held yesterday at the RAF Club. Piccadilly. Colonel Nigel Knocker

Baldwin, civil servant, 74: Mr Robert Carrier, cookery writer and broadcaster, 73: Dame Prances Coulshed, former director, WRAC. 92: Mr Frank Durr, racehorse trainer, 70; Mr Nigel Evans, MP, 39; Mr Roger Parrance, former

presided. Sir Terence Clark and the Right Rev Michael Munn were among the guests.
HQ No 1 Group RAF
Air Vice-Marshal J.R. Day. Air Officer Commanding No 1 Group RAF, was the bost at a Headquarters No 1 Group ladies guest night dinner held last night at RAF High Wycombe. Wing Commander AV.B. Hawken presided.
RAF Regiment Officers' Dinner Club

Club
Air Marshal G.A. Robertson, Chief of
Staff RAF Strike Command, was the
principal guest at the annual dinner
of the RAF Regiment Officers' Dinner
Club heid last right at Winterbourne
Gunner, Group Captain R.C. Moore
presided. Air Commodore I.W.P.
McNeil. Commandant General RAF

McNeil. Commandant Centeral NAP Regiment, also spoke. Royal Military Police and Provost Officers Lieutenant-General C.B.Q. Wallace, Colonel Commandant, Royal Mili-

Lawrence, Governor, Dartmoor prison, 46; Sir Giles Loder, a vicepresident, Royal Horticultural Society, 82; the Right Rev Lawrence Luscombe, former Bishop of Brechin and Primus of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, 72: the Earl of Radnor, 69: Professor Elizabeth Robson, geneticist, 68; Viscount Runciman of Doxford, 62 Sir William Ryrie, civil servant, 68; Mr Roy Scheider, actor, 61; Mr. os: Mr Roy schenger, actor, 61; Mr.
Madron Seligman, former MEP,
78; Sir David Serpell, civil servam,
85; Sir Alfred Sherman, cofounder, Centre for Policy Studies,
77; Mrs Ann Spokes Symonds, patron, Age Concern England, 71; Sir William Staveley, former chair-man, North Thames Regional

chief executive, Electricity Associ-

ation, 63; Mr David Flood, or-ganist, Canterbury Cathedral, 41; Mr Don Henderson, actor. 64; Mr

Michael Hinton, former Sheriff of

the City of London, 62; Mr J.

ary Police, presided at the annual reunion dinner of past and present Royal Military Police and other Provost Officers held last night in Chichester.

Health Authority, 68; Mrs Eliza-

beth Toulson, chairman, WRVS,

Chichester.

Brigadier LW, Fulton, Provost
Marshal (Army), and Brigadier N.C.
Allen, chairman, RMP Association,
were among those present.

Old Buckenham Hall

The Governors of Old Buckenham Hall School, Brettenham, Suffolk are Hall School, Brettenham, Suffolk are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Martin Ives as Headmaster to succeed Mr Hugh Cocke, who has been appointed Headmaster of Brambletye, Sussen. Mr Ives is currently Head of the Lower School, Papplewick, Ascot, and will take up his post in September 1997.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.S. Faircy and Mrs B.A. Parker

The engagement is announced between Mr John Fairey, of Bossing-ton House, Houghton, Hampshire

and Mrs Beverley Parker, of Leigh

and MASS A rope The engagement is announced between Christopher, younges son of Mr and Mrs Edward Kibble, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and

Amanda, elder daughter of Mr.

The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Stainthorpe, of Trowbridge, Wilshire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Wicks, of Pinner, Middleser.

The engagement is announced between Peter, twin son of the late Mr and Mrs Frank Sunton, and

Susan, younger daughter of the late Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs

Barton, Canterbury, Kent.

Mr C.P.N. Kibble

and Miss A. Hope

and Mrs Bryan

and Miss H.C. Wicks

Mr P.F. Sutton

A.T.T. Card.

and Miss S.J. Card

Llangwm, Monmouthshire:

Mr G.P.W. Stainthorpe

Mr H.A. Coghill-Smith and Miss L.A. Witt and Miss LA. With The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of Mr and Mrs Alan Coghill-Smith, of Castle Cary, Somerset, and Lucy, your

ger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Wnt, of Prestwood, Buckinghamshire. Wing Commander LL Morgan and Miss A.R. MacDongali

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Morgan, of South Otterington, North Yorkshire, and Anne, daughter of the late Dr Ivor Anderson MacDougall, OBE, and the late Mrs Rosalie MacDougall, of Wonston, Hampshire.

Mr M. Ridler and Miss C. Hensher

Dinners

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr John Shaw-Ridler and the late Mrs Iris Ridler, of Saffron Walden, Essex, and Carol, daughter of Mr Stanley Hensher, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Cath-erine Hobbs, of Birchover,

Cordwainers' Company
Mr Martin Else, Chief Executive of
the Royal Free Hospital NHS Trust,
and Mr Raymond Blaber, Master of
the Curriers' Company, were the
guests of honour at a dimner of the
Cordwainers' Company held last

guests in nontur at a differ of the Cordwainers' Company held last night at the Law Society's Hall. Mr Timothy Weber-Brown, Master of the Cordwainers' Company, presided and Assistant Dr Rodney Parker also

spoke.

During the evening the Master presented the annual awards for the best trained soldier and best recruit to the Officer Commanding, C (City of London Fusiliers) Company, The

London Regiment. A new award for excellence was also given to the Principal of the Cordwainers' College for presentation in future

The Anchorites
Mr Anthony Cooke, President of the
Chamber of Shipping, and Miss S.
Cooke were the principal guests at the
annual ladies night dinner of the
Anchorites held last night at the Cafe
Royal, Captain J. Hall, president,
was in the chair.

Anniversaries are on the facing page.

Church services tomorrow

Twenty third Sunday after Trinity (Remembrance Sunday) after Trinity (Remembrance Sunday)
ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL, ABERDEEN: 8
HC: 10.15 S Euch, Jackson In G. So they gave their bodies (Aston), Rt Rev M Henley; 6.30 ES, Stanford In G. Grester love (Ireland), The Provost.

their bodies (Astoni, RI REV M Heniey; 0.30 ES. Stanford in G., Greater love (Ireland). The Provost.

ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 Centotaph Service: 11.30 MP, Cali to remembrance O Lord (Farrand, The Dean: 3.15 Choral E. Sumston in A. Thou will keep him (Wesley).

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 S Each. Darice in F. And I saw a new heaven (Balmoni: 3.30 Choral E. Dyson in F. Greater love (Ireland).

BIEMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP, 9.15 HC: 10.50 Choral Euch & Act of Remembrance.

Bialr in G. Fie Jesu (Fauré), There is an old bellet (Parry), Prof D Turner: 4 Choral E. Noble in A (No. 11, Greater love (Ireland).

BIACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 Remembrance Day. Earth does not hold (Thiman). The Provost: 10.30 Euch, Ireland in C. Canon D Galilee; 4 Choral E. The Short Service (Gibbons), And I saw a new heaven (Balnton). Canon K Parfill.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8 Holy Euch; 11 Remembrance Service, God be in my head (Ruiter): 3.30 E. The Third Service (Knott, Opray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells).

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M: 10.45 Remembrance Service, Vallant for truth Youghan Williams), we will remember them (Elgar); 12 S Euch, Canterbury Mass (Piccolo); 3.15 E. Jackson in G. One ever hangs where shelled roads part (Britten); 6.30 Compline. Rev R Symon.

CARLESLE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M; 8 HC; 10.15 Remembrance. Service & Dedication of Book of Remebrance. Service. & Book of Remebrance. Service. & Book of Remebrance. Service. & Book of Remebrance. Service. & Book of Remebrance. Service. & Book of Remebrance. Service. & Book of Remebrance. Servic

(Ireland), Rev I Jones.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC: 10
Remembrance Service, Canon J Newcome;
11.30 Solemn Requiem. Requiem Mass
(Sauriord); 5.30 Choral E. Justorum antimae
(Stanford); 6.30 Evening Canon J Newcome.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M.

Stanford in A. So they gave their bodies (Asson).

The Dearn; 11 S Euch, Mass for four voices
(Byrd), The Russian Contakion for the
Departed, The Chancellor; 3.30 E. Rootherm in
E milnor, Greater Love (Ireland).

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL. Oxford: 8 E minor, Greater Love (Ireland).
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HC. 10 M & Sermon, Vaughan Williams in G.
Canon leffery. 11.15 5 Euch. Requiem (Faure).
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Canon leffery. 11.15 5 Euch. Bequiem (Faure).
Canon leffery. 11.15 5 Euch. Boom of a
woman (Purcell).
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP. 8
Communion: 10.30 Euch. Missa 8 revis
(Britten). In paradisum (Paure). Canon P
Oestrecher: 3 German Lutherans; 5.30 EP: 7
Faure Requiem. PAUTE REQUIEST.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon D

Brown: 9 MP; 10.15 Remembrance Service, My

soul there is a country (Party), Canon M Perty;

11.30 HC, Jackson in G. O taste and see (Vaughan Williams). The Dean; 3.30 E. Nunc dimittis, I love the Lord (Harvey). ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC: 10.30 S Euch; 3.45 EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, ireland in C. Bead quorum via (Stanford): 1.30 Remembrance Service, They shall grow not old (Douglas Guest), The Souls of the rightsous (Marchant), The Bisshop of Sherborne: 3 E, Walmistey in D minor, Blessed are they that mourn (Brahms); 6.30 E. So they gave their bodies (Aston), The Tressurer. GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: 8,12.15 HC; 10.15 Epch, Little Organ Mass (Haydn), Canon N Heavisides: 3 Remembrance Service, Bring is O Lord God (Harris), Rev J Morrison. us o Lord God (Harris), Rev J Morrison.
GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Rev Sir J
Alleyne 9.45 S Euch, Missa Brewis (Berkeley),
Ave verum (Elgari, Canon J Schofleid, The
Dean; 10.55 M. Te Deum In G (Vaughan
Williams), There is an old belief (Parry), The
Bishop; 6.30 E. Second Service (Leighton),
Agnus Del (War Requiem) (Britter), Rev J
Hughman.

Hugaman.

LEICESTÉR CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.45
Remembrance Service. Turn back O man (Holst), Canon J Clarke: 11.45 HC; 4 Choral E. Sunssion in G, Hic est Martinus (Handi). The Chancellor.

Itelandi. Cathedral: 7.30 M; 7.45 Litany: 8, 12.30 HC; 9,00 S Euch. Miss de Angelis, in paradisum (Fauré: 10.30 Remembrance Service For the fallen (Blatchly), ven R Turner; 3 Service for 50th Anniversary of Mencap. Magnificet in C (Kelly), Eev A Hayday: 4.30 EF. MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP. 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Stanford in C and F. Justorum animae (Stanford), Canon J Atherton: 6.30 E. Greater love (Ireland), Canon J Atherton: 6.30 E. Greater love (Ireland), Canon J Atherton. NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC, The Archideacon of Northumberland; 9.30 S. Euch. NEWCASTIE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M: 8 HC. The Archdescon of Nonthumberland: 9.30 S Euch. Hymn to the cherublin (Bachumannov): 6 Choral E. Whatever I do belleve (Ritchie). Dyson in D. In paradisum (Rauré).
NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8 HC. 9.15 Pamily Communion: 10 S Euch. Darke in A minor. I will ill up (Mawby), Rev S Beins 11.30 Remembrance Service. Greater Love (reland). Canon P. Oilwer: 3.20 R. Norwich Service (Parterson). Save us O Lord (Baistow). Canon R. Hanmer: 6.30 Healing & Reconcillation. Canon M. Perham.
PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M; 8.15 HC: 9 Euch. Ireland in C. So they gave their bodies (Aston). Mr K. Maciay: 10.45 Remembrance Service, For the failen (Biatchly), And I saw a new heaven (Bainton). The Bishop: 3.30 E. Sumsion in G. He that hath thy commandments (Mundy).
RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch. The Dean; 8.30 M: 9.30 Parish Euch. Darke in P. Canon P. Marshall: 10.50 Remembrance Service, [2.30 Euch. Canon E Esson; 5.30 E. Agnus Del (War Requiem) (Britten). Canon K Purshon.
ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 S Euch. Mass for 4 Voices (Byrd). Rev G Klift: 10.55 Remebrance Service, Greater love (Ireland). Rev C Page: 3.15 E & Installation, Balistow in

Williams.
SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 MP: 10.30
S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), For the fallen (Guest), Canon T Page; 4.30 Hands On: 6.30 E & Sermon. Howels in G. And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Cpt A Turner: 8 Christ in Quiet
SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.30 M & Litany; 8
HC: 9.30 Parish Communion, The Vicanor, 10.55 S Buch, Greater love (ireland), The Provost: 3.15 E, The Gloucester Service (Howells, Lord thou hast been our refuge Yaughan Williams). (Yaughan Williams).
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 S Ench, Sumsion in F. God be in my head (Davies), The Treasurer: 3 Royal British Legion Remembrance, The Treasurer; 6 E. Dyson in F. Take him earth for cherishing (Howelis), The Chancellor.

Chancellor.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon G Nairn-Briggs: 9.15 Parish Communion, The Song of the Tree of Life (Yaughan Williams), The Provost: 10.55 Solemn Euch, Requiem (Durufié), Canon 1 Knox; 4 E, Moeran In D, And I saw a new heaven (Baintoni, Canon G Nairn-Briggs.

Remembrance Service, in paradisum (from the Requiem) (Durniel), Adapio in E (Bridget 11.30 Buch, Requiem (Faure), Solemn Preinde (for the failen), Elgari; 3.30 E Blair in B minor, Greater love hadn on man (Ireland).

YORK MINSTER: 8.845 HC; 10 S Euch, Darke in F, Rev E Norman; 11.30 M, Sumsion in G: 12.30 Remembrance Service, Rev D Balley; 4 E. (Gloucester Service (Howells), Take him earth for cherishing (Howells), Rev P Perguson.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Clayd: 8 HC; 10.50 Remembrance Service, Greater Love (Ireland), National Anthems, Very Rev K Goulstone; 3.30 EP.

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ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9:30 Cymum Bendigaid, Y Canon: 9:30 Perish Euch. The Minor Canon; 11:15 Remembrance Service, Pie Jesu (Faurè, Genere love (Ireland), Rev N Crossey; 6 Choral E, Bairsow in D, If ye love me (Tailis), The Dean.

ST GEORGES CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10. 6 LM: 11 Remembrance Service; 11:30 Solemn Mass, Requiem (Faurè, Greater love hath no man (Ireland), Fr J Cronin.

ST GILES CATHEDRAL, Edinbergh: 8 Morning HC, The Minister; 10 Morning, Missand, Douce memoire (Lassus), The Minister; 11:30 Morning, Remembrance Day, Greater Love

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(treiand). The Minister; St Glies at Six 8 Evening, Rev K Wasson. ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL, Old Aberdeen: Remembrance Sunday: 10.45 Morning, Rev R Frazer, Justonum animae (Byrd). Greater love hath no man (treiand); 6 Evening, Rev R Pozzer. Pazer.

ST FAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 10.30
M & Commemoration of the Fallen, Te Deum
(Yaughan Williams in G), Jubiliane [Stanford in
C). Rev M Sawaris 2.30 E: 3.15 S Ench of
Ecquiern for the Fallen, Messe de Requiern
Outrufiel, Rev Y Sinton.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL.
Smilsmore Gardens, London, SW7: 10.30
Divine: Librigy, Klevan and traditional
polyphory, Diocesan Bishop Met. Anthony,
All. SOURS. Lancham, Place, WI: 9 polyphony, Diocesan Elshop Met. Anthony.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, Wi: 9
Communion Service U.55 Remembrance
Sunday, Rev R Bewes, 6.30 Rev S Challes.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, Wi: 11
Missa pro defunctis (Anerio). De profundis
(Palestrina). (Palestina).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10

Childrens, 10.55 Remembrance Service,
Greater love hath no man (treiand, in Rev)

Waine; 12.15 HC; 6 E, Graf Rvon Leinder!

CROWN COURT CHURCH OP SCOTIAND.

COVEN GRIDE. WC: 10.45 Remembrance
Service, Rev S Hood; 6.30 Rev J McKishon

SCOVET TERRITY BROAMPION. Song of the 192 of the (whighen windings). The provist; 10.55 Solemn Euch, Requirem (Durufié, Canon I Knox, 4 R. Moeran in D. And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Caron of Nairr-Briggs.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Mozard, Ave verum corpus (Mozard, 10 F. Lacrymosa dies Illa (Mozard; 3 E. The Chicheste Service, (Archer), Greater love hath no man direland). Preb R Packer.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 Remembrance Service, The Kontakion of the Dead, Justonum animae (Byrd). For the fallen (Guest; 3 E. Stanbord in C. And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Caron D Gray; 5.45 Recitais 6.30 E. Rev E James.

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DEPROUGH - On 6th November, to Catherine (née Coventry-Pauwels) and Earim, a son, Gregoire Malik MINEOR - On November 6th a The Portland Hospital, to Ana Sima Kocevska and

KEELING - On 6th November, to Vancesa, wife of Paul, a son, Zak Michael, a brother to Fred and Juspez KENT - On November 4th, to Karen and Jeremy, a son, George Henry Alexander.

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ADSHEAD-GRANT - Captain Donald, in hospital on 21st October, baloved husband of Jill and dearest father of Douglas, William and Edward, Private cremation has already taken place. BEMROSE - John Frederick Peasson peacefully at Eden Hall Marie Curie Hospice November 5th 1996. Loved husband of Margaret. All anguirles to Cooksey & Son, (URI) 833-4844 to whom, if wished, donations in Hea of Flowers should be directed, payable to Eden Hall Marie Curie Hospice.

SROMET - Margaret Cicely on 7th Novembez 1996, aged 94 years. Widow of Tony and much loved mother and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Wighill, Tadcaster, Morth Yorkshire on Wednesday 13th November at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but domations if desired to The Church Fabric Fund c/o Church Cottage, Wighill.

CAMPERIL - Mary Caroline on November 7th after a short illness. Widow of Major Izm Forbes Campbell. Mother of Colin. Alestair and Caroline. Funeral at St Marys, Church Road, Rames, on Prichy 15th November at 11 am, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Asbron Mathies, 221 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London SW15 6SQ.

FOX - On 7th November 1996 peacefully at home The Enverued Canon Danis Fox aged 90 years. Dearly loved husband of Mary, Funeral Service will take place at \$1 Candida and Holy Cross Church, Whitchurch Canonicorum, at Bridgort, Dorset, on Friday 15th November 1996 at 2 ps. Family flowers only or donations if desired for Caristian Aid cle AJ Wakaty & Sons, 91 East Street, Ridiport.

Will. - Margaret Teresa (née Stanton), dearly beloved wife of Johnny and devoted mother of Andrew. As the result of an accident at Ransman, Tamashis, on 2nd November 1996.

(ODGSON - Harry Hugh James (BEII) Capt. RN. rer'd, aged 103, peacefully at Cak Lodge Nursing Home, Chard, Somerset. Dearly loved husband of the Late

husband of the late Rossmary, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service will take place at St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Crewkerne, on Thursday 14th November at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired for King George's Fund for Salions of A.J. Wakely & Sons, Chapel House, Hernitage Street, Crewkerne, Somerset, teli (01460) 74547.

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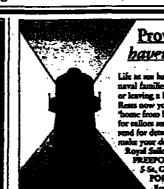
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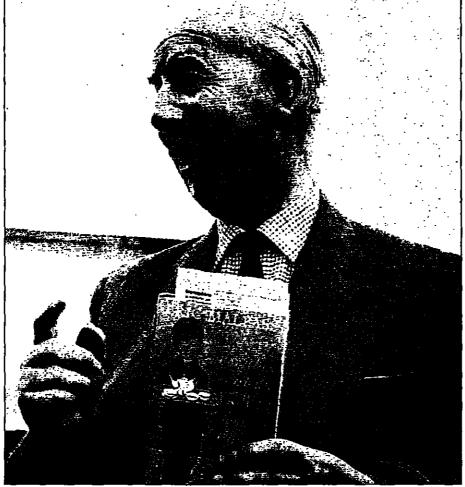
Bric Malpass, novelist, died on October 16 aged 85. He was born on November 14, 1910.

fter twenty years of writing part-time while he worked in various local branch es of Barclays Bank, Eric Malpass suddenly came to fame with the publication of his second book, Morning's at Seven, in 1965. Its enthusiastic reception encouraged him to resign from the bank two years later, to try to earn his ioing from authorship. His superiors at the bank

were sternly unsympathetic to what they viewed as a whimsy Banking in those days proudly provided an ethos of cradle-to-grave security for its diligent and trustworthy functionaries, and even mild deviation from this wholesome norm was discouraged with financial penalties and assurances that the apostate would never be re-employed. Malpass's decision was, in-deed, fraught with risk. For although Morning's at Seven was well received by the reviewers, it enjoyed only a very modest commercial success in this country. It was left for German audiences to provide Malnass with his livelihood through their enthusiastic welcome for his work.

atunately for Malpass, just two months after he had resigned from the bank Morning's At Seven was published in Germany as Morgens um sieben ist die Welt noch in Ordnung, a title which more clearly than the English one - indicated its provenance in the grossly sentimental lines of Browning's verse drama *Pippa Pas*ses. Sentimental or not, within weeks Morgens um sieben had reached the top of the Der Spiegel bestseller list and the film rights had been sold. The subsequent film was awarded the Goldene Leinwand award for the most popular film of the year. Malpass's future was

Morning's At Seven was also serialised on French television and broadcast across



Eastern Europe. Altogether it was published in more than 60 editions in 15 languages.

Malpass was the author of a number of other affectionate and gently humorous novels and short stories. His character, Gaylord, an impish boy with an innocent tendency to ask embarrassing questions and an inclination to get into scrapes, is one of the most endearing boy heroes in Brit-ish fiction since William

Eric Lawson Malpass was born in Derby, but moved as a young boy to Coventry where his father worked in the car industry. He was an only child and had a solitary, bookish boyhood. His father was something of an invalid, who struggled to go on working despite his illness. His mother

was a local schoolteacher. Frequently left to his own devices, Malpass lived very much in the world of childish imagination which he was later to recreate in his novels.

Among his greatest delights were the weekends when the family retreated to the tumbledown cottage on the banks of the Trent that his grandfather had bought and restored. There three generations of the Malpass family would stay, picnicking in the fields and bathing in the river. The bucolic family scene was one Malpass was always to remember and it formed a backdrop for the antics of his character Gaylord.

Malpass was educated at King Henry VIII School, Coventry. A bright pupil, he would have gone on to further educa-

Long Eaton. It was there that he began to write, his idea forhis first story — the tale of a husband who murders his wife and buries her under the crazy paving - coming, some-what to his wife's amused discomfit, as she was helping him to lay their own patio. Malpass sent the story off to several magazines, and one of them published it. After this he seemed unable

When the war was over Malpass returned to live in

to stop writing. He would scheme out his plots as he walked home from the bank for his lunch every day, even though it was a 20-minute journey on foot and his lunch break only an hour long. Every evening, on returning from work, he would sit in his armchair by the fire, pen in hand, writing sometimes until late into the night.

His first published novel was Beefy Jones, the story of an amiable but trouble-prone idiot, with many of the characters based on members of Malpass's local parish. When the parishoners read it after its completion they all recognised their neighbours in it, but none recognised himself. Published in Italy, it won the Palma d'Oro for the best humorous story of the year.

After establishing his reput-ation as a writer with Morning's at Seven, he went on to write regularly for Argosy magazine and for the BBC. He wrote Oh My Darling Daughter (1970), a slightly sickly portrait of the alarms and diversions of middle-class life, and The Wind Brings up the Rain (1978), a sentimental novel touched with nostalgia for the bygone England which had existed between the wars. He also wrote a fictionalised but plausible life of Shake-speare. Sweet William, and another of Thomas Cranmer.

Malpass was mild and retiring in character, but with a twinkling sense of humour beneath his shy humility. He was often happier with a book than in company, but loved theatre, music and rugby.

He is survived by his wife Muriel, whom he married in 1936, and by their son.

GERMAINE SOLEIL

Germaine Soleil, radio astrologer, died in Paris on October 27 aged 83. She was born in Blois on July 18, 1913.

FOR 23 years Madame Soleil was the brightest star in the galaxy of French astrologers. From telling fortunes in a fairground caravan she gradually progressed to reading the zodiac for politicians, businessmen, writers and artists. and finally for millions on the French radio.

At the height of her popularity the commercial radio station where she worked was receiving up to 20,000 tele-phone calls a day. Her fame was such that President Pompidou took to answering difficult questions at his Elysée Palace press conferences with: 'I am not Madame Soleil."

Her name (which really was Soleil) together with her warm voice, friendly manner and grandmotherly appearance, made her ideally suited to her profession. In this, she had a clear advantage over some of the glamorous young women who joined the fortune-telling boom in her wake, few of whom could match the directness and approachability that she owed, perhaps, to her modest family background and difficult early life. Germaine Soleil had to start

work young when her father, a metalworker, died from injuries sustained in the First World War. On the death of her mother, she supported her four brothers and two sisters by working as a typist. One of her jobs in the 1930s was at the newspaper La Volonté.

The paper's backer, Alexandre Stavisky, was later to be the centre of a huge financial scandal and was found shot dead in a chalet in Chamonix which he had rented in Germaine Soleil's name. The scandal brought her fleeting fame of an unwanted kind.

It was only after the Second World War that the sun began to shine for Germaine Soleil. When her plans to run a hat shop ended in failure, she was asked to stand in for an aunt who was a fairground fortune teller. She had found her vocation at last.



Her homespun manner soon won her clients, notably the novelist Maurice André-Gillois, a who had been the wartime French Government representative at the BBC. He introduced her to a wide circle of his friends. Before long, she was able to leave her caravan and open consulting rooms on the Left Bank. More word-ofmouth recommendations enlarged her clientele, until it embraced politicians from the nearby National Assembly, visiting African heads of state, superstitious big business-men, music hall artistes and

One of the latter was Dalida, then a major recording star. Dalida was married to Lucien Morisse, a director of the radio station Europe No 1. In 1970 he went to consult Germaine Soleil about his own future and ended up deciding hers. Morisse was won over not only by the accuracy of her predictions but also by her nononsense advice.

She was given a morning radio show and, at the age of 57, became as big a celebrity as some of her clients. She used to say that she brought explanations and hope to large sections of the population. "To some extent I have replaced the priest, the notary, even the friend. My success? Two bits of good sense and very long

experience of people." She knew her astrological signs (she was a Cancer with Scorpio as her rising sign). But it was her jovial and reassuring manner that won her bigger and bigger audiences. Madame Soleil was the beneficiary of what French psychologists called "the grandmother syndrome". As such, she was the successor to Mère Denis, another plump and good-humoured elderly lady, who enjoyed huge success in the 1950s and 1960s as a promoter of consumer goods.

She showed her eternal optimism by marrying for the second time, in 1991 at the age of 78, a 59-year-old Parisian shopkeeper, Rene Moritz, who survives her. An earlier mar-. riage ended in divorce.

DENIS MULLOCK

Denis Mullock, former onnel director of gersonnel director of Six i International, died on October 13 aged 90. He was born on December 5, 1905.

DENIS MULLOCK led a rich and remarkable life. He was born in Southwold, on the Suffolk coast, the elder son of a his native land of Ireland two years earlier. Although he went away to school (he won a scholarship to Uppingham), his Southwold friends included George Orwell (then Eric Blair), with whom he would go rat-shooting and with whose mother he used regularly to play bridge.

After graduating in Classics and geography at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, he joined Shell, and in 1928 went to India as a kerosene salesman. His brief was to travel the country by train (he would deep on a camp bed on station platforms), visiting villages and encouraging people to use paraffin-oil rather than wood

Shell forbade its staff to narryl iring a first tour with he company. In 1934, howevr, Denis Mullock proposed y telegram to Peggy Westray. hom he had courted while at 'ambridge and met again on is first leave back in Engand. Although she had never nown him well, she accepted nd sailed to India that Octoer. They were married in 'alcutta a fortnight after she rrived; the marriage lasted ntil her death in 1983. Within Burmah Shell he as rapidly promoted the was uch a company man that here was talk that he would

call his daughters Petronella and Kerosena). At 31 he was representing the Bombay Chamber of Commerce in the Bombay Legislative Assembly. But it was during the Second World War that he did his most important work. As a member of the Calcutta

Light Horse, a Territorial regiment, he was employed by the military from time to time on special assignments; for instance, on the day of Pearl Harbor he was playing bridge with the Governor of Goa where he had been sent to assess the degree of pro-German feeling in the Portuguese colony.

His signal contribution to the war effort, however, was to

ensure an unbroken flow of fuel to the Army and, in particular, to the British Fleet based at Trincomalee, a major logistical achievement given that the tankers from the Gulf had to cross the submarine-infested Indian Ocean. He returned to England in 1950 and became group per-sonnel co-ordinator, Shell

International. This was a tough assignment, in which he was answerable for imposing some consistency on the way the company's offices were run worldwide. He played a major role in creating the new group personnel organisation, such matters having until then been run more or less separately from London and The Hague.

1964, but not from public life. In addition to chairing the Civil Service Commission's final selections boards, he was closely concerned with setting up Voluntary Services Overseas. By this time he had moved back to Southwold. and ever the doctor's son, he became involved in hospital management, chairing numerous committees and

tribunals. When his father had been looking for a practice to buy at the beginning of the century he had been drawn to Southwold because it had a cottage hospital. When it, and other local hospitals, were under threat in the 1960s, Mullock, as chairman of the geriatric hospitals committee, campaigned vigorously against their closure. In that part of Suffolk there still remain three such hospitals within 20 or so miles of each

Denis Mullock was tirelessly social. Each day at noon, he could be found in the back bar of the Crown on Southwold High Street, with his regular drinking companions. His ninetieth birthday last year was marked by two huge parties, one in London and one in Southwold He is survived by two daughters and a son.

Herefordshire, 1566; François

Couperin (Le Grand), compos-

Colin Davies, racehorse trainer, died on October 31 aged 68. He was born on May 23, 1928.

tion had his father not died

when he was 18. As a result, he

had to find a job. He took work

in a local branch of Barclays

Bank as a junior clerk and was

to remain with the bank for

almost thirty years, working in branches in Leicester, Der-

by and Long Eaton, and

eventually becoming a chief

cashier. But his heart was

never in the job, and few of his

friends realised how tedious he found it until after he had

During the war Malpass

was commissioned into the

RAF. He wanted to be a

navigator, but discovered for

the first time that he was

colour-blind, and was posted

to Egypt for three years in-

stead as an equipment officer.

Being a loner, he never much

enjoyed mess life.

PERSIAN WAR was one of the greatest performers over timber ever to grace the National Hunt scene. He captured the Champion Hurdle three times between 1968 and 1970 achievement in saddling him to do so was remarkable in itself, the circumstances under which he produced the horse for consecutive victories make the training feat nothing less than astonishing.

The first difficulty, to put it mildly, was Persian War's owner, Henry Alper, an insurance loss assessor who had never had a runner before and who, for racing colours, had chosen the claret and light blue of West Ham FC. No doubt with business experience in mind. Alper, despite a minimal knowledge of racing. was determined to take a direct hand in stable arrangements. This involved bombarding his trainers (five in succession in the end) with telephone calls at all hours of the day and night.

The late Brian Swift had bought Persian War as a fouryear-old with winning form on Alper's behalf for El0,000 in January, 1967. Despite Swift, then training at Ashtead, sending Persian War out to vin some important races, Alper, towards the end of that year, without consulting the trainer, had his horse sent to France in order to avoid the temporary ban on racing in England because of foot and mouth disease.

The result, not surprisingly,

COLIN DAVIES

was a split between Swift and Alper, and when he returned from France, Persian War was sent to Davies's yard at Chepstow. But when he arrived, he was physically in a terrible state, having hated his time across the Channel and having, additionally, contracted a serious chill. It speaks volumes for Davies's skill that horse was once again fit enough to race. Davies, furthermore, continued to improve Persian War, whom he personally rode in all his work. The reward was that the following month there came a triumph in the most valuable handicap hurdle in the calendar, the Schweppes Gold Tro-phy - then, in March, the first Champion Hurdle crown.

Yet Persian War's subsequent two Champion Hurdles were also preceded by crises which Davies's talents were stretched to deal with. In 1969, the horse was nursed back to recovery from a fractured femur; in 1970, after being run at Alper's insistence on firm ground on the Flat, he became lame and then had to survive an operation to relieve breathing problems. The Cheltenham crowd which gathered round the winner's enclosure after the Champion Hurdle cheered not only a great horse but the brilliance of his trainer

Colin Hughes Davies was the son of a Cardiff property developer and was educated at Clifton College and Bristol University. He did his Nat-ional Service in the Royal Navy and became a Fleet Air Arm pilot a noteworthy achievement since the Admiralty chose only a handful of

as well.



Colin Davies in his riding days on West of the Border, on right, at Windsor in 1966

for flying training.

He joined the family firm in 1950, and soon afterwards began to make a name for himself in motor-racing circles, competing at international level in production sports models. Among his successes was the Grand Prix de Frontiers in Belgium in a Lotus. In 1957, he gave up driving in order to concentrate on business, but soon found an interest as an amateur rider over

This was an inherited pursuit because his grandmother belonged to the Anthony family, famous in the National Hunt world. Davies's new

the best National Servicemen career took in point-to-point success at the highest level. then no fewer than 20 winning rides under Rules, including that of Master Copper, whom he owned and had taken out a permit to train, in the United Hunt's Challenge Cup at Cheltenham in 1960.

In 1963, Davies took out a

full training licence, having bought the Oakgrove Estate at Chepstow and converted it from a derelict dairy farm to a completely modern stable yard with extensive new gallops. He continued to ride, nevertheless, and in 1964 rode Claymore in the Grand National, thereby, although un-placed, setting a unique, if somewhat bizarre, record as the only man ever to have completed the Aintree steeplechase course and driven round its motor racing circuit.

Persian War apart, Davies trained other good horses such as Persian Empire, winner of the 1968 Imperial Cup; Clever Scott, who took the Lancashire Hurdle and, on the Flat, the Great Metropolitan Handicap in 1969; and Dulwich who twice won the Grand Annual Chase at Cheltenham, in 1974 and 1976.

Aside from his many talents, Colin Davies was immensely likeable and popular. He leaves a wife, Helena, a son and a daughter.

Weekend anniversaries

(RTHS: Ivan Turgenev, novist and dramatist. Orel, Rusa, 1818: King Edward VII. igned 1901-10. London. 1841; r Giles Gilbert Scott, archi-London, 1880.

FATHS: William Camden. iquary and historian, Chisurst, Kent, 1623; Gilbert eldon, Archbishop of Canbury 1663-77. Lundon, 1677; il Sandby, watercolourist, idon, 1809; Montague Low-Corry, 1st Baron Rowton. itician and founder of aton Houses, London, 3; Howard Pyle, illustrator l of or of children's ks. Piorence. 1911: Guilne Apollinaire, poet. Paris. Ramsay MacDonald. ne Minister 1924, 1929-31 1931-35, at sea en route for th America. 1937: Neville mberlain, Prime Minister

near Heckfield, Hampshire, 1940; Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel 1949-52, Rehovat, 1952; Dylan Thomas, poet, New York, 1953; Charles de Gaulle, General, President of France 1958-69, Colombey-les-deux-Eglises, 1970.

Wilhelm II. German Emperor 1888-1918, abdicated, 1918. John F. Kennedy was elected US President at the age of 43, 1960.

The demolition of the Wall dividing East and West Berlin

TOMORROW BIRTHS: Martin Luther, Protestant reformer, Eisleben. Germany 1483; Paracelsus, physician. Einsiedeln, Switzerland, 1493; Robert Devercux, 2nd Earl of Essex, soldier and courtier, Netherwood,

er, Paris. 1668: King George II. reigned 1727-60, Herren-hausen, Germany, 1683; William Hogarth, painter and engraver, London, 1697; Oliver Goldsmith, writer, Kilkenny West, Co Westmeath, 1730: Granville Sharp, philanthropist, Durham, 1735; Johann Christoph Friedrich Schiller, dramatist and poet, Marbach, Germany, 1759; Sir John Thompson, Prime Minister of Canada 1892-93, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1844; Edward John Higgins, General of the Salvation Army 1929-34, Highbridge, Somerset, 1864: Vachel Lindsay, poet. Springfield, Illinois, 1879; Sir Jacob Epstein, sculptor. New

York, 1880; Moise Tshombe,

Prime Minister of Congo 1964-

65, 1919; Richard Burton.

actor, Pontrhydfen, 1925. DEATHS: Richard Chancelfor navigator and trader, Pitsligo Bay, Aberdeenshire. 1556; Catherine II, the Great, Empress of Russia 1762-96, St Petersburg, 1796; Gideon Martell, geologist, London, 1852; Arthur Rimbaud, poet, Marseilles, 1891; Kemal Ataturk, founder and 1st President of Turkey (1923-38), 1938; Lupino Lane, music hall performer, 1959; Abel Gance, film director, Paris, 1981: Leonid Brezhnev, President of the Soviet Union 1977-82, Moscow, 1982: Sir Gordon Richards, jockey. Kintbury, Berkshire, 1986.

The US Marine Corps was founded, 1775. Henry Morton Stanley met Dr Livingstone at Ujiji, Tanganyi-ka (Tanzania), 1871.

ARAB SLAVERS IN UGANDA.

A communication of quite recent date from the Rev. Pere Lourdel, one of the Roman Carbolic missionaries in Uganda, gives a very vivid picture of how the slave traffic is carried on in Central Africa, and how the Arab slavers have been inciting the weak-minded King of Uganda against English and Ger-mans alike. This conduct may to some extent account for the events which have led to the joint action of England and Germany in East Africa, Moreover, Père Lourdei is able to give news from Emin Pasha up to April last. These Arab slavers, the Père states, reside

for a part of the year at the Court of Mwanga. to purchase the slaves which the King causes to be hunted and captured either in his own territories or in those of his neighbours. He often sends out on these slave-raids armies of several thousand men. At too frequent intervals the missionaries, to their grief, see these victorious armies returning, driving before them troops of slaves, often 3,000 or 4,000 at a single time. The King selects those he wants to keep for himself or to distribute among his great chiefs, and sends the rest to the Moslem slave-dealers, who sweep them all off, either to sell them on the coast to the dealers who supply the Arabian market or to

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The reference to James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, is to his murder on October 21, 1885, by King Mwanga.

dispose of them in Upper Egypt. It is a profutable business, which enriches the Arab slavers and at the same time procures for King Mwanga all that he requires for extending his territory, confirming his power, and multiplying his slaves and his victims namely, arms and powder. These Arabs are, of course, feared and detested by the natives among whom they live, but at the same time their power over the weak Mwanga is immense. They constantly instil into him suspicions as to the projects of Europeans and missionaries, and that with only too much success. When, Père Lourdel states, Mr. Gordon, the successor of Mr. Mackay in the

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English mission, arrived, the Arabs trans-lated a long letter to the King in Arabic, in which he was informed of the "resolution" which the European Powers had taken to "ear" up all the country of the blacks ... Mr. Gordon brought a present for Bishop Parker, and a letter stating that he had not come to avenge the death of Bishop Hannington, but to instruct his people. Mwanga was extremely irritated, and told Mr. Gordon he would be regarded as a prisoner and a hostage in case of the reported design of the Europeans. If the English attacked Uganda or assailed Mwanga'a "merchandise" on the coast, Mr. Gordon would be killed. Turning to his people, he cried, in a voice trembling with rage. Do you see how this white insults me to my face? Hoot him; insult him!" And all the Court hurled the greatest insults in the face of poor Mr. Cordon. The intentions ascribed by the King to the whites make him fear a war as imminent. "Buy guns and powder", he tells all his people; and his chiefs protest they will defend him to the last drop of their blood, and that, though the whites should come from all quarters, they will be exterminated. But the great danger at Uganda and in Central Africa is not from the reported intentions of the whites, but from the actual doings of the



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Tories get free vote on the cane

■ John Major has decided to bow to the demands of Conservative backbenchers by granting them a free vote on the return of corporal punishment in state schools.

The move is designed to defuse a potential revolt among Tory MPs who want the Government to be doing more to tackle the problem of school discipline

Chirac backs Britain on 48-hour week

■ President Chirac gave John Major surprise backing for his determination not to give way to Brussels over a 48-hour working week. M Chirac stunned British ministers at the end of the Anglo-French summit when he offered support for the challenge in the European Court of Justice

Damaging job

Steve Coppell resigned after only 33 days as the Manchester City manager, saying that the pressure of the job at the first division club was damaging his health.. Page I

Adams anger Sinn Fein reacted angrily to the

decision of the Australian Government to refuse a visa to Gerry ... Page 2 **Bullying case victory**

A woman who claims that her life

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Strike boy to move The mother of the ten-year-old boy

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Police searching for clues to further victims of the mass killer Frederick West have been unable to trace four youngsters Page 9

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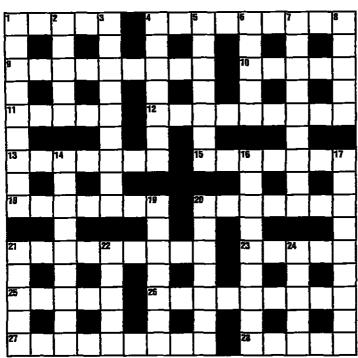


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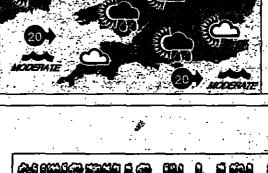
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